



**File: MV2021D0009**

November 5, 2025

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**Attention: Mr. Mason Elwood**

**Re: Land Use Permit MV2021D0009  
Margaret Lake Camp  
Kennady Lake, NT**

Dear Mr. Elwood,

An inspection of the De Beers Canada Inc. Type A Land Use Permit MV2021D0009 for Mining Exploration was conducted by Inspector Tom Bradbury on October 3, 2025. The inspection was carried out to ensure operating conditions annexed to the above-noted land use permit are being adhered to during this land use operation, while following up on previous non-compliance from the June inspection.

Overall, Nuna Logistics personnel conducting work associated with the Mining Exploration program have taken the proper steps necessary to mitigate impacts to the land use area. The Inspector is pleased with the cleanup progress at site pertaining to hydrocarbon management, while ensuring all operating conditions annexed to Land Use Permit MV2021D0009 are being adhered to. Your copy of the Environmental Inspection Report is enclosed for your review and records.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (867) 446-4487.

Sincerely,

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North Slave Region

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Cc:

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ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT

Permittee:	De Beers Canada Inc. – Margaret Lake Camp	Inspection Date: October 3, 2025
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		Permit Expiry Date	Previous Inspection
Land Use Permit No.	MV2021D0009	June 28, 2026	August 14, 2025
Quarrying Permit No.	N/A		
Contractor:	Nuna Logistics Ltd.	Subcontractor:	

Location(s) Inspected:	Margaret Lake Camp
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Current Stage of Operation:	The camp assists with GK mining operations and is open during the winter road season.
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Condition of Operation A- Acceptable U - Unacceptable N/A - Not Applicable

	Operating Condition	Aspect Inspected	
		General Conditions	Condition
A	Location and Area	A	
B	Time	A	
C	Type and Size of Equipment	A	
D	Methods and Techniques	A	
E	Type, Location, Capacity and Operation of All Facilities	A	
F	Control or Prevention of Ponding of Water, Flooding, Erosion, Slides and Subsidence of Land	A	
G	Use, Storage, Handling and Ultimate Disposal of Any Chemical or Toxic Material	A	
H	Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat	A	
I	Storage, Handling and Disposal of Refuse or Sewage	A	
J	Protection of Historical, Archeological and Burial Sites	N/A	
K	Objects and Places of Recreational, Scenic or Ecological Value	N/A	
L	Security Deposit	A	
M	Fuel Storage	A	
N	Methods & Techniques for Debris & Brush Disposal	A	
O	Restoration of the Lands	A	
P	Display of Permits and Permit Numbers	A	
Q	Matters Not Inconsistent with the Regulations	A	
R	Sections 8 to 16 M.V.L.U.R.	A	



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Explanatory Remarks
<p>An inspection of the De Beers Canada Inc., Gahcho Kue Mining and Associated Activities LUP was conducted by Inspector Tom Bradbury on October 3, 2025. The inspection was carried out to ensure operating conditions annexed to the above-noted land use permit are being adhered to during this land use operation, while following up on previously noted concerns.</p> <p>Site conditions have improved dramatically since the June inspection where a number of non-compliance items were highlighted as requiring mitigation but have since been assessed and remediated (Photo 1). The Inspector is quite pleased with the turnaround of site conditions through the efforts of De Beers’ contractor Nuna and the hiring of BluMetric for site assessment and sampling.</p> <p><b><u>Observations At Site</u></b></p> <p>Observations at site had not changed considerably from the August inspection, as all tasks had been completed at that point in time, apart from sample results and some organization of site vehicles, and backfilling of previously excavated areas (Photos 2-9). Areas previously flagged for excavation by BluMetric have been sampled and final results were provided to the Inspector by De Beers on November 4, 2025. Results were as expected, showing that impacted areas from the June inspection have been properly mitigated to the Inspector’s satisfaction. Areas along building footprints were expected to show hydrocarbon impact and are likely compounded by historical hydrocarbon spillage. Only hydrocarbon staining identified during the June inspection, which were considered minor from an environmental impact perspective, were prioritized as requiring cleanup. Now that results have demonstrated these highlighted areas have been mitigated, the focus will be placed on prevention and response going forward. De Beers will include BluMetric’s analysis during the closure and reclamation process of the site.</p> <p>As discussed with De Beers personnel, next steps must shift from cleanup to prevention for Nuna personnel during the upcoming operational season, and will occur through a work plan, which must be submitted before contractors arrive at Margaret Lake for the winter operational season in December/January. The work plan must include but not be limited to weekly or bi-weekly updates containing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A checklist demonstrating updates on vehicle and heavy equipment preventative maintenance and/or repairs pertaining to hydrocarbon management;</li><li>• The frequency of absorbent material replacement/maintenance on the underside of any vehicles or heavy equipment;</li><li>• The cleanup of hydrocarbon impacted snow and/or soil, including the estimated volume of material, and disposal method; and</li><li>• A list of materials being removed from site via winter road backhauls.</li></ul> <p>The current expected date for winter road commencement is the first week of February, and with it will come more frequent inspections for the Margaret Lake camp. The expectation is that inspections will overlap during travel to the GK mine and randomly by vehicle during operation of the winter road. A winter road closeout inspection will be conducted and a final follow-up inspection will be conducted after freshet to observe camp conditions once snow has melted.</p> <p>The Inspector will reiterate that the response to the June inspection and the timeframe in which De Beers and Nuna were able to mitigate the non-compliances previously noted went beyond expectations. Site conditions are currently in excellent shape and the Inspector expects conditions to remain that way through the upcoming operating season!</p>





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Photo Log/Explanatory Remarks

Photo 1 – Margaret Lake Camp – Extensive progress with cleanup efforts.



Photo 2 – Margaret Lake Camp – Shop areas scraped of hydrocarbons.







Photo 3 – Margaret Lake Camp – Refueling area – No hydrocarbon staining or leakage.



Photo 4 – Margaret Lake Camp – Absorbents have been replaced under vehicles.







Photo 5 – Margaret Lake Camp – Incinerator area remediated.



Photo 6 – Margaret Lake Camp – Incinerator Area - Leakage repaired and absorbents placed.







Photo 7 - Margaret Lake Camp – Scrap material earmarked for backhaul.



Photo 8 - Margaret Lake Camp – Hydrocarbon-impacted material from remediation.





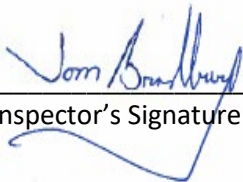


Photo 9 - Margaret Lake Camp – Former spill area remediated and gravel placement.



Completed off Site  
Representative’s Signature

Tom Bradbury  
Inspector

  
Inspector’s Signature