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Funding for public participation in the Environmental Impact Review of the Proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine

I am writing to advise you that Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC, formerly Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) is now accepting applications from groups and individuals seeking funding to participate in the environmental impact review of the De Beers Canada Inc's proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine (EIR0607-001).

The following activities of the environmental impact review are eligible for funding:

- Reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement;
- Preparing information requests;
- Participating in any technical meetings or sessions;
- Preparing technical reports;
- Participating in the pre-hearing conference; and
- Participating in the public hearing(s).

Applications will be evaluated by a Funding Review Committee according to criteria and priorities described in the *Participant Funding Guide and Application Form for the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Environmental Impact Review*. The Committee will make recommendations on funding allocations to AANDC. Successful applicants will be required to sign a contribution agreement under which expenditures may be subject to an audit. Once contribution agreements are completed, successful applicants will receive funding in the 2011-2012 fiscal year and future years as appropriate.

Copies of the guide and application form are available on the Gahcho Kué Environmental Impact Review Panel registry at <http://www.reviewboard.ca> or from AANDC at (867) 666-2589 or by email at DonnaMarie.Ouellette@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Only those completed applications submitted by **Monday, July 25, 2011** will be considered. Should the Review Panel release the final work plan before that date, AANDC encourages applicants to consider that document when preparing their applications.

For further information please contact DonnaMarie Ouellette at (867) 669-2589.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Joudrie', written in a cursive style.

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