



DENINU KUE FIRST NATION

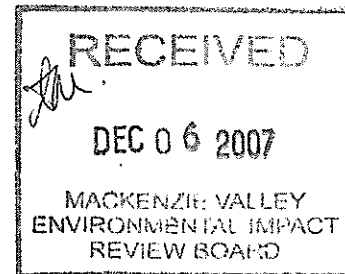
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Dear Ms. Biscaye,

Deninu Kue First Nation is obligated to its membership to ensure our renewable and non renewable resources are protect for generations yet to be born. Deninu Kue First Nation (DKFN) is concerned with various aspects of the proposed Gah Cho Kue Project.

The Crown entered into Treaty 8 with the ancestors of the Akaitcho Dene First Nation at Deninu Kue in 1900. The ancestors of the Akaitcho Dene First Nation entered into Treaty 8 with the understanding that it was for *“as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow and the grass grows”* The parties have entered into the Framework Agreement on July 25, 2000 to guide the negotiation of the Akaitcho Agreement. The parties recognize that certain lands within Akaitcho Dene First Nations Traditional Territory are of environmental, cultural, spiritual and economical importance to the Akaitcho Dene. The parties have recognized that appropriate interim measures are necessary in order to advance negotiations.

DKFN membership stems from the traditional villages of Jean River, Little Buffalo River and Rocher River. There are approximately 750 members on the DKFN registry. DKFN Chief and Council is obligated to ensure that the DKFN membership's inherent and treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather among others are respected and honored. DKFN has not extinguished aboriginal title and such title has not been extinguished by a conveyance of agreement with the Crown or industry.

DKFN strongly feels that DeBeers Canada must work with us to build a good working relationship in order to advance the Gah Cho Kue project forward. DKFN supports responsible development. The proposed Gah Cho Kue project is within the traditional territory of Akaitcho Dene of DKFN. DeBeers Canada must respect and honor DKFN's aboriginal title. For the past 107 years mining development/ activities have unjustifiably infringed upon DKFN's Aboriginal title and DKFN's Treaty and Aboriginal right.

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Just to reiterate the some of the issues that is of concern to the Akaitcho Dene of DKFN;

1. Recognize and respect Akaitcho Territory, the home and traditional territory of the Four Akaitcho Dene First Nation consisting of Deninu Kue, Dettah, Ndilo and Lutsel Ke.
2. Respect for the Deninu Kue First Nations aboriginal and treaty rights on the north side of the Great Slave Lake. The Environmental assessment of any development does not determine rights, Deninu Kue First Nation is party to treaty making in 1900 at Deninu Kue First Nation and section 35 (1) of the constitution Act, 1982 states "*the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples are hereby recognized and affirmed.*"
3. On November 19, 2002, the Akaitcho Chiefs and Tlicho Chiefs initialed an overlap agreement respecting each others aboriginal and treaty rights and mutual benefits.
4. The Akaitcho Dene has both the inherent and treaty right to use and enjoy the creator's gift of water. Our rituals and stories teach about the sacred right to live with water, a responsibility to use traditional knowledge and cultural practices to protect and sustain pure water for the continued cleansing and healing of our communities. Government, regulatory agencies and industry are interfering with the traditional ways and practices that have always protected the land and waters, and as result the water have been comprised and polluted. To ensure the rights to clean water, new approaches need to be discussed to protect the water from mining development with the Dene.

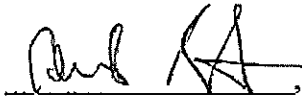
Clearly, the land and water that Debeers Canada has applied to use is within the Akaitcho Territory. Since January, 2007 the Akaitcho IMA and Akaitcho Screening Board have developed "*Mineral Exploration Guidelines for Mineral Companies Seeking Engagement with Akaitcho Dene First Nation*". These guidelines are attached for your review. The cost estimate breakdown that was provided to you was developed to assist DKFN in meeting the increased demand for land and water use in the Akaitcho Territory. DKFN is running at full capacity with its limited funding. In order to meet the demand and make reasonable recommendations, it is in good faith that the proponent assists Akaitcho Dene First Nations when expected to review and make reasonable recommendations to their proposed development.

Furthermore, DKFN is firm on the cost estimate breakdown. This breakdown will allow for our community to be fully involved in this project from the offset and will allow for the DKFN membership to better understand the whole project from the start of the exploration to date. I trust this letter will better assist you in addressing the concerns you had with the cost estimate breakdown for an information session with DKFN.

If you have any further questions or would like to move forward with the proposed information session at the amounts estimated by our first nation feel free to contact Miss Rosy Bjornson, IMA Coordinator at (867) 394-4335.

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Sincerely,



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