

October 30, 2007 Our File: L020

Alan Ehrlich Senior Environmental Assessment Officer Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Box 938, 5102 - 50th Ave. Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Re: EIR0607-001 - Submission of the Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Ehrlich,

On October 5, 2007 the Gahcho Kué Environmental Impact Review Panel (the Panel) released the final Terms of Reference for the Environmental Impact Statement (TOR). De Beers Canada (DeBeers) is in the process of considering the ultimate form and content of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) based upon the requirements of the TOR. In mid-November DeBeers will be in a position to provide a date when the EIS will likely be ready for distribution to the Panel. Provision of this date will enable to Panel to issue an updated work plan with greater certainty around timelines.

Sincerely,

Paul Cobban

Sr. Environmental Assessment

& Permitting Coordinator

