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Attention: Mr. Hubert

**RE: Environment Canada's Public Hearing Presentation
De Beers Canada Inc. - Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project**

Environment Canada (EC) is pleased to submit to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board our Public Hearing Presentation (attached) for the Gahcho Kue Diamond Mine Project proposed by De Beers Canada Inc. in connection with the scheduled Public Hearing taking place from November 30th to December 8th in Dettah, Lutsel K'e and Yellowknife, NT. Furthermore, EC Departmental representatives will be in attendance at the Yellowknife, NT portion of the public hearing to make a formal presentation of this intervention. EC Departmental representatives will also be available to respond to any questions in which the MVLWB members, the Proponent, and/or the public may have concerning the issues raised by EC in this submission.

In closing, if you wish clarification on any aspect of this presentation prior to the public hearing, please contact Lisa Lowman at (867) 669-4721 or via email at Lisa.Lowman@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Environment Canada's Public Hearing Presentation

cc: EC Review Team
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Environment Canada (EC) is pleased to submit to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVERB) the Public Hearing Presentation (attached) for the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project proposed by the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Inc. (Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Inc.) in connection with the scheduled Public Hearing taking place from November 30th to December 8th in Oulash, Northwest Territories. EC Departmental representatives will be in attendance at the hearing. EC Departmental representatives will also be available to respond to any questions in which the MVERB members, the Proponent, and/or the public may have concerning the issues raised by EC in this submission.

In closing, if you wish clarification on any aspect of this presentation prior to the public hearing, please contact Jane Lowman at (867) 609-4721 or via email at jane.lowman@ec.gc.ca.

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