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Distribution List

Re: Environmental Impact Review of Proposed DeBeers Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) ordered an Environmental Impact Review for the proposed Gahcho Kué diamond mine at Kennady Lake on June 12, 2006. The developer, DeBeers Canada Mining Ltd., applied to the NWT Supreme Court for a judicial review of this order. On April 13, 2007 the NWT Supreme Court rendered its decision, upholding the MVEIRB's order.

The MVEIRB is now proceeding with the environmental impact review and is in the process of selecting and appointing a review panel. The *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* requires the preparation of a terms of reference for the review panel. A draft terms of reference is attached to this letter for your review. Comments should be submitted to Mary Tapsell, Manager of EIA (mtapsell@mveirb.nt.ca or fax (867) 766-7074) by May 18, 2007. A draft terms of reference for the developer's environmental impact statement and a work plan for the impact review will be distributed at a later date

If you or your organization wishes to be a party to this environmental impact review, please return the attached 'request for party status' form to Martin Haefele at mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca or fax (867) 766-7074. Party status can be requested and granted at any time during the proceeding. For information on the roles and responsibilities of a party please refer to the MVEIRB's rules of procedure available online at <http://www.mveirb.nt.ca> in the 'reference library' or contact the MVEIRB office.

The Report of Environmental Assessment for the Gahcho Kue Project is also available online by selecting DeBeers Canada Mining Ltd. under 'inactive projects'. The report contains the MVEIRB's reasons for ordering the impact review, as well as an analysis of the scoping exercise which will serve as basis for the initial scoping of the impact review.

If you have any questions regarding the environmental impact review, or if you do wish to be removed from the distribution list, please contact Martin Haefele at mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca or (867) 766-7053. Please feel free to forward this letter and its attachments to any organization or individual that may be interested in participating in this review but is not on the distribution list.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Haefele".

Martin Haefele, Environmental Assessment Officer