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July 30, 2013

VIA Fax#1-867-370-3209

Akaitcho Screening Board  
Akaitcho Interim Measures Agreement Implementation Office  
P.O. Box 28  
Lutsel K'e, NT X0E 1A0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact  
Review on the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR0607 -001)**

Dear Board members,

In its July 19, 2013 Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision (EIR Report), the Gahcho Kué Panel recommended to the federal Minister and the responsible ministers (RMs) that the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures, follow-up programs and commitments to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The EIR Report may be accessed online in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board public registry at:

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As the Crown consultation coordinator for the Project and on behalf of the RMs, the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO), by way of this letter, invites you to confirm that potential adverse impacts resulting from the Project on Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations asserted and established Aboriginal and Treaty rights have been identified and addressed in the EIR Report.

It is important to note that, to date, no ministerial decision has been made regarding the EIR Report and this letter should not be taken to indicate that the RMs favour a particular direction.

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Should you have comments, please provide them in writing to NPMO's Project Manager, David Alexander at david.alexander@cannor.gc.ca, by August 20, 2013. If you have questions about the process outlined above, you may contact him at (867)766-8436.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Matthew Spence  
Director General  
Northern Projects Management Office

cc: Chief Edward Sangris, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
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Northwest Territory Métis Nation  
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Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact  
Review on the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR0607 -001)**

Dear Mr. Bailey,

In its July 19, 2013 Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision (EIR Report), the Gahcho Kué Panel recommended to the federal Minister and the responsible ministers (RMs) that the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures, follow-up programs and commitments to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The EIR Report may be accessed online in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board public registry at:

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Chief Louis Balsillie  
Deninu K'ue First Nation  
P.O. Box 1899  
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 1M0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact  
Review on the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR0607 -001)**

Dear Chief Balsillie,

In its July 19, 2013 Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision (EIR Report), the Gahcho Kué Panel recommended to the federal Minister and the responsible ministers (RMs) that the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures, follow-up programs and commitments to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The EIR Report may be accessed online in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board public registry at:

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North Slave Métis Alliance  
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P7

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact  
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Dear Mr. Enge,

In its July 19, 2013 Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision (EIR Report), the Gahcho Kué Panel recommended to the federal Minister and the responsible ministers (RMs) that the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures, follow-up programs and commitments to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The EIR Report may be accessed online in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board public registry at:

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Chief Dora Enzoe  
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**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact Review on the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR0607 -001)**

Dear Chief Enzoe,

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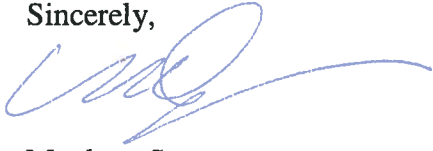
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Tłı̨chọ Government  
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Behchoko, NT X0E 0Y0

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact  
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Dear Grand Chief,

In its July 19, 2013 Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision (EIR Report), the Gahcho Kué Panel recommended to the federal Minister and the responsible ministers (RMs) that the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures, follow-up programs and commitments to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The EIR Report may be accessed online in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board public registry at:

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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8

**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental Impact  
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Dear Chiefs,

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