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Ms. Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott Chairperson Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Environmental Impact Review Panel Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board 200 Scotia Centre Box 938 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear Ms. Mackenzie-Scott:

## Re: Update 4 on the Gahcho Kué Environmental Impact Statement – EIR0707-001

This letter provides the fourth update on the status of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Gahcho Kué Project (Project).

The Feasibility Study for the Project has continued to progress in accordance with our schedule, and remains on target for completion in August this year.

Progress continues on developing and finalizing the EIS. This includes undertaking additional field work this summer to refresh the baseline information for the project. As of the writing of this letter, the EIS continues to be on track for submission in the third or fourth quarter of 2010.

As mentioned previously, De Beers will work with communities in advance of the submission of EIS to schedule additional engagement activities. The purpose of these activities is to refresh peoples' understanding of the proposed Project and to provide additional opportunities for feedback. Subsequent to our letter to you in February, De Beers has invited a number of Aboriginal Communities to participate in a visit to the Kennady Lake exploration camp this summer. The logistics for these visits are now being finalized for visits in both July and August. We are looking forwarded to engagement activities with regulators in the near future.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this update. We look forward to providing the fourth update by August 20, 2010.

Yours truly,

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