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VIA EMAIL

Chief Louis Balsillie  
Deninu K'ue First Nation  
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**Re: Acknowledgement of receipt of DKFN letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision: DeBeers Canada Inc. - Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR 0607-001)***

Dear Chief Balsillie,

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project, this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 20, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on the *Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision*.

Please note that full and fair consideration is being given to all of the issues and concerns that have been raised by Aboriginal groups who were party to the Gahcho Kué Review Panel's environmental impact review.

Sincerely,

Matthew Spence  
Director General  
Northern Projects Management Office

cc: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories  
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada  
Transport Canada  
Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Natural Resources Canada

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