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VIA EMAIL

Garry Bailey, President
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RE: Acknowledgement of receipt of NWTMN letter regarding the *Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision: DeBeers Canada Inc. - Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR 0607-001)*

Dear Mr. Bailey,

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 28, 2013, and to thank you for the comments you provided 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