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VIA EMAIL

Bill Enge, President  
North Slave Métis Alliance  
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RE: ***Report of Environmental Impact Review and Reasons for Decision:  
De Beers Canada Inc. - Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (EIR 0607-001)***

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Dear Mr. Enge:

As you are aware, on October 22, 2013, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, on his own behalf as federal Minister and on behalf of the other responsible ministers (the “Ministers”) with jurisdiction in relation to the project (the Ministers of Natural Resources, Fisheries and Oceans, and Transport as well as the Government of the Northwest Territories), conveyed the Ministers’ decision to adopt the Gahcho Kué Review Panel’s (the “Panel”) recommendation that the project be approved subject to the implementation of the measures, follow-up programs and developer commitments contained in the Report.

The Ministers gave full and fair consideration to the views expressed by the Aboriginal parties during the Environmental Impact Review as well as the developer’s letter of September 23, 2013, which is posted on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board’s public registry. The Ministers have noted your support for the Panel’s recommendation in your August 22, 2013 letter and have taken into account your suggestions with respect to the mitigation of potential impacts of the project.

The Ministers are pleased that the North Slave Métis Alliance will continue its participation in various forums and look forward to your continued input in the regulatory phase of the project where there will be additional opportunities for consultation and engagement. Thank you for taking the time to provide your views.

Sincerely,



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Director General  
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c.c.:

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