

December 5, 2011

To: Distribution list

Dear interested parties:

Re: Instructions on party status for Gahcho Kué Environmental Impact Review

The purpose of this letter is to identify organizations and individuals that currently have party status in the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Environmental Impact Review (EIR) and to allow others the opportunity to apply for party status.

As described in the July 26, 2011 Work Plan, parties in the original environmental assessment maintain party status in the EIR. The following organizations are currently confirmed as parties:

- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Dene Nation
- NWT Metis Nation
- Environment Canada
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Lutsel K'e First Nation
- Akaitcho IMA Implementation Office
- Government of Northwest Territories

Party status is required in order to submit formal information requests and to fully participate during public hearings. Interested organizations or individuals who are not on the above list but would like to request party status can do so by returning a completed Request for Party Status application form.

The form can be found on our website under reference library, practitioner's toolbox, forms and templates. Please submit the completed request for party status application to the Gahcho Kué Panel by December 20, 2011.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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