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Dear Heidi:

I am writing to you in my capacity as chair of the Inter-Agency Coordinating Team (IACT) for the EKATI Diamond Mine and the DIAND representative assisting in the implementation of the BHP Environmental Agreement. By way of background information, membership on the IACT includes BHP, the GNWT, the Independent Monitoring Agency (Agency) and all federal agencies involved with the project. To date, the IACT has had a total of seventeen meetings which are held at approximately four to six week intervals.

At our last meeting held May 28, 1999, members agreed that an offer should be made to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to join the IACT as a member. In general it was felt that the discussions on monitoring programs, site inspection reports and other technical aspects combined with BHP's response to issues raised, would be of great use to the Board in furthering their general understanding of the Project.

IACT is not a decision-making body. The mandate of the IACT is to provide members with a useful forum for clarifying technical and other aspects and for improving communications and management of the project in general (see terms of reference attached).

I should explain that the 'Project' as defined in the BHP Environmental Agreement includes the BHP mineral claims in the Lac de Gras watershed and 'such exploration, development and mining together with all related and ancillary operations and activities including without limitation, construction, transportation, studies and maintenance collectively...'. As such, the development of the new pipes (recently submitted to the Review Board for Environmental Assessment), are also considered part of the 'Project.' Therefore, the last IACT meeting did include discussion on the new pipes.

I would be pleased to provide you with additional information either on the Environmental Agreement or the IACT if that is needed. Our next IACT meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 13, 1999 at the EKATI mine site. I look forward to hearing from the Review Board in the near future.

Sincerely,

Marie Adams
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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Inter-Agency Coordinating Team (IACT) for Ekati Diamond Project

Purpose:

To share information and provide a coordinated approach to fulfill the environmental requirements for the Ekati Diamond Project.

Objectives:

1. To develop and maintain an open and clear communication among the different agencies involved in the Ekati Diamond Project.
2. To assist in the planning and coordination of products required as stated in the BHP Environmental Agreement.
3. To coordinate and facilitate deadlines and review processes.

Structure:

1. The membership of this working group will include representatives from the federal (DIAND - Waters, District, Environment & Conservation - , DOE, DFO & NRCan) and territorial (RWED) governments, the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency, and BHP Diamonds Inc.
2. Members will be nominated by the regional heads of their respective agencies and will act as the representative for their agency. Where an agency has many different responsibilities, it may bring to the meeting additional expertise as required. If additional input is required from outside the working group, the Chair can be directed by the members to invite input from the identified source(s).
3. The activities of IACT will be coordinated by DIAND, (Mary Tapsell). DIAND will consult with all members in the development of meetings (agendas, timing, location, etc.). DIAND will act as an impartial Chair and will ensure that recommendations from this group are summarized and recorded.
4. Sub-groups may be formed from time-to-time to deal with specific topics that do not require the attention of all the members of IACT.

Procedures:

1. IACT will meet on a monthly basis or as-required. When necessary, members not able to attend group meetings will be encouraged to name an alternate, or to participate via tele-conferencing.
2. Highlights and action items from the meetings will be recorded.
3. Each member of IACT is responsible for sharing the outcomes of meetings with senior management from the organizations they represent.