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Mr. Darryl Bohnet
Chair
Gahcho Kué Environmental Impact Review Panel
PO Box 938
YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N7
VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Bohnet:

**Re: Funding for public participation in the Environmental Impact Review of the
Proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine**

I am writing to advise you that Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC, formerly Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) is now accepting applications from groups and individuals seeking funding to participate in the environmental impact review of the De Beers Canada Inc's proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine.

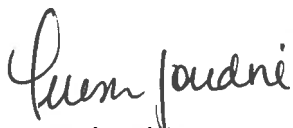
I have enclosed a copy of the *Participant Funding Guide and Application Form for the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Environmental Impact Review* and a general cover letter outlining the activities that are eligible for funding. Please post these documents on the Panel's public registry website. AANDC is also sending these documents directly to potential applicants. Applicant eligibility requirements are set out in the enclosed guide.

AANDC will be accepting proposals until Monday, July 25, 2011. Following evaluation and recommendations from a Funding Review Committee, we expect that funding allocation decisions will be made by mid-August. Once funding allocation decisions are made, AANDC will work with successful applicants to confirm satisfactory work plans, payment schedules, and other information required to develop contribution agreements. This process may take between several weeks to several months, and only applicants in good financial standing with AANDC will be able to enter into contribution agreements.

AANDC anticipates that the Panel will be issuing a final work plan for the EIR in the near future. Should the Review Panel release the final work plan before July 25, AANDC encourages applicants to consider that document when preparing their applications.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Francis Jackson, Acting Manager of Environment and Conservation, at 669-2666 or via email at Francis.Jackson@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Joudrie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teresa Joudrie
Director, Renewable Resources and Environment

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