



**DENINU K'UE FIRST NATION,
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Ms. Cathie Bolstad
Director External & Corporate Affairs
De Beers Canada
300-5102 50th Ave.
Yellowknife, NT
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August 10, 2011

**Re: Deninu Kue' First Nation Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
North of Great Slave Lake**

Dear Ms. Bolstad,

We have recently received, through the Akaitcho Territory Government office, a Research Application from De Beers Canada Inc. to conduct ecological risk assessment works. The application form states that:

"Surrounding communities have the opportunity to participate as field assistants, where possible, in the implementation of the various environmental monitoring programs, as described in this application."

The application then lists four First Nation communities that are included in this opportunity; but neglects to include our community. As you are aware, the Deninu Kue' First Nation was excluded from meaningful consultation efforts on the De Beers Canada Inc.'s Snap Lake mine as well. It has become apparent that, due to misinformation provided to you in the past by Indian and Northern Affairs representatives, our First Nation has been overlooked in regards to consultation and accommodation agreements including Impact Benefits Agreements. We and the Akaitcho Territorial Government



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are in the process of contacting Federal Government representatives on the issue of the misinformation that has been perpetuated pertaining to joint territorial use and occupation by our First Nations.

The Deninu Kue' First Nation through its historical documentation and oral history has verified its aboriginal and treaty and rights within the Akaitcho territories which includes the north side of Great Slave Lake. We therefore require that we are consulted with and accommodated regarding activities within our territory and that we participate in all environmental advisory boards, training initiatives, and impact benefits agreements in decision-making capacities.

We request that in the future, you include our Deninu Kue' First Nation on matters that affect the Akaitcho Territory, which is shared by the Yellowknives Dene, Lutsel Kue' and Deninu Kue' First Nations.

Regards,
Chief Louis Balsillie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis Balsillie".

cc: De Beers Canada Inc., 5102, 50th Ave., Yellowknife, NT
cc: Golder and Associates, 9-4905-48 St., Yellowknife, NT
cc: McKenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board