

May 26th, 2010

Cathie Bolstad
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Dear Ms. Bolstad,

Re: Adjournment of the Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review

The Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review Panel has decided to adjourn the EIR proceeding indefinitely. No further meetings will be undertaken and administrative activities will be minimized by the Panel until it is notified by De Beers that the filing of an Environmental Impact Statement is imminent.

In the Panel's view, further expenditure of public resources is not justified until De Beers is ready to submit the EIS. The Panel requires that De Beers notify it in writing 45 days prior to EIS submission so that the Panel may reconvene the Review at that time. The Panel remains committed to a timely, fair and efficient process.

Further details regarding this decision are in the attached Reasons for Decision document. If you have further questions, please call me at (867) 766-7056.

Sincerely,



Alan Ehrlich
Panel Manager