



April 12, 2011

TO: GAHCHO KUE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW DISTRIBUTION LIST

Dear Sir/Madam:

As you may be aware, Ms. Rachel Crapeau was recently appointed to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). Ms. Crapeau has assumed her duties as a Board member and as a member of the Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review (EIR) Panel (the Panel).

Ms. Crapeau has advised the Panel that she is also Vice Chairperson of the Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency (SLEMA) which is a project specific agency established by the Environmental Agreement negotiated among De Beers Canada Mining Inc., the governments of Canada and the NWT and Aboriginal and Metis organizations affected by that project. There is no overlap between the work of SLEMA and the matters being considered by the Panel. Ms. Crapeau will not be taking part in the SLEMA review of the Snap Lake water licence. De Beers Canada Mining Inc. is both the proponent of the Gahcho Kue project and the operator of the Snap Lake project.

The Gahcho Kue Panel would like to invite any participant in the Gahcho Kue EIR to express its views about Ms. Crapeau's participation in this proceeding. Please direct your comments to myself in writing by May 6, 2011.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vern Christensen".

Vern Christensen  
Executive Director