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RE: Regulatory and Management Jurisdiction regarding Lands and Resources in the Shared Primary Use Area of the Akaitcho Dene First Nations and the Tlicho Government

Dear Ms. Violet Camself-Blondin:

On November 19th, 2002, the Akaitcho and Tlicho Chiefs signed an agreement identifying a Shared Primary Use Area in the Lao de Gras region. In this agreement, Akaitcho and the Tlicho agreed to, among others, the following provisions:

- Akaitcho and the Tlicho will enter into an interim agreement to govern their *shared decision-making* within the Shared Primary Use Area that will apply until the Akaitcho Agreement takes effect and the Tlicho agreement is amended.

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- Akaitcho and the Tlicho will negotiate provisions of a permanent Shared Primary Use Area Agreement that will provide both parties with *equal rights to participate in any decision making boards with jurisdiction respecting lands and resources* within the Shared Primary Use Area.
- Akaitcho and the Tlicho agreed to consult each other with respect to any management or regulatory decisions respecting lands and resources that affect the interests of the other party.

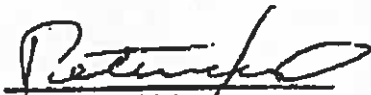
Given the November 19th, 2002 agreement and the provisions contained therein, it was with dismay that the Akaitcho Dene First Nations reviewed your letter of February 13th, 2006 addressed to Mark Anderson, President of Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. In this letter, you state that the Wek'eezhil Land and Water Board "...will have exclusive authority over the permitting of land use and the licensing of water use..." within the Wek'eezhil area. This position is in direct contravention of the commitments made by the Tlicho in the November 19th, 2002 agreement.

The Akaitcho Dene First Nations intend to abide by the cooperative relationship outlined in the November 19th, 2002 agreement. In the interest of maintaining equality and shared jurisdiction in the Shared Primary Use Area, we suggest that Akaitcho and the Tlicho immediately establish a joint review panel that will serve as the regulator of land-use permitting and water licensing in the Shared Primary Use Area. It is our view that such a joint review panel could be designed and established expediently, drawing from our collective experience in implementing both the Akaitcho Interim Measures Agreement and the Tlicho Agreement.

There is a certain amount of urgency in insuring that Akaitcho and the Tlicho move quickly to implement their shared jurisdiction in the Shared Primary Use Area, given the unresolved nature of the renewal of Water License N7L2-1645.

At your earliest convenience, please contact Stephen Ellis, the Akaitcho IMA Implementation Coordinator, to initiate the process of establishing the joint review panel and implementing our shared jurisdiction in the Lac de Gras area.


Sincerely,



Chief Peter Liske



Chief Fred Sangris



Chief Robert Sayine

- c. Stephen Ellis – Akaitcho IMA Implementation Coordinator
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