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Dear Ms. Chisholm:

**Gahcho Kué Surface Lease Application – Updated December 2014**

In response to your letter dated December 31, 2014, we have completed our review and this confirms the GNWT has determined that since the de-watering infrastructure proposed by De Beers is ancillary in nature to the Gahcho Kué mine and are not permanent structures, De Beers will not require a surface lease for those facilities.

It is our view that the land use permit and water licence you received from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for your project are sufficient for placement and operation of the de-watering facility infrastructure.

The Territorial Land Administration Office has received your amended lease applications and is reviewing them for completeness. The Manager of Land Administration will be contacting you under separate cover with regard to the acceptance and processing of those applications in the near future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-765-6624, or Ms. Annette Hopkins, Assistant Deputy Minister of Operations at 867-765-6730.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Minister  
Department of Lands

- c.c. Peter Vician, Deputy Minister, Industry, Tourism & Investment  
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