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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

This letter is further to our application, submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board on 23 November, requesting the permits required to proceed with the construction and operation of the Gahcho Kué mine at Kennady Lake in the Northwest Territories.


Gahcho Kué is will be our second mine in the NWT. Our first mine granted permits is the Snap Lake mine, currently under construction. In the development of Snap Lake, it was our experience that input at all stages of the project's development lead to project improvements. We are incorporating the lessons we learned during the development of Snap Lake into the development of Gahcho Kué, and we are approaching the design of Gahcho Kué with the same openness to input and suggestions. We welcome your input.

Enclosed are print materials that provide information regarding the proposed Gahcho Kué mine and the project's history and facts. An animated overview of the project has also been completed in CD Format and is available in English, Dogrib and Chipewyan.

The CD Animations are being provided to local band offices, to community lands and environment departments and copies of these materials can be provided to you if these are required.

If you would like more information, CD's in English or Aboriginal Languages or would like to provide comments, please contact me at the address noted below or visit our website at www.debeerscanada.com.

Regards,



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