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Dear Ms. Love:

**RE: Gahcho Kué AEMP Re-evaluation Report and Design Plan Update Submission Extension**

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) is submitting this request for an extension to submit the *Aquatic Effects Re-evaluation Report* and the *Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Design Plan Update*, as required under the Gahcho Kué Water Licence MV2005L2-0015, Part I, Sections 4 and 5. The current submission timelines of the two documents are July 31 and September 30, 2019, respectively. De Beers would like to request to extend the submission of both the Aquatic Effects Re-evaluation Report and the AEMP Design Plan Update to December 13, 2019.

The intent of the Aquatic Effects Re-evaluation Report, as described in the Water Licence, is to describe the project-related effects on the receiving environment. Gahcho Kué Mine started commercial operations in September 2016, and the first post-operation discharge from the Water Management Pond started in fall 2017 with a subsequent discharge in fall 2018. It is important that the re-evaluation report should include the 2018 AEMP monitoring results, in addition to data from 2015 to 2017, to evaluate the effects of operations on the aquatic environment and not just the effects of construction. However, the required timeline in the Water Licence is not sufficient to incorporate the 2018 monitoring results into the report. Therefore, De Beers would like to request to extend the submission timeline of both the Aquatic Effects Re-evaluation Report and the AEMP Design Plan Update to December 13, 2019. The Aquatic Effects Re-evaluation Report will incorporate the monitoring data between 2015 and 2018. The AEMP Design Plan Update will incorporate recommendations from the Re-evaluation Report.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, I can be contacted at [william.liu@debeersgroup.com](mailto:william.liu@debeersgroup.com) or (867) 445-1485.

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Sincerely,

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