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Dear Ms. Potten:

Submission of Gahcho Kué Project Monitoring Programs and Management Plans

The public hearings for De Beers Canada Inc.'s (De Beers) Gahcho Kué Project (Project) environmental impact review (EIR) were held by a Panel of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) in December 2012. Since then, De Beers has continued to advance the monitoring programs and management plans that will, subject to a positive EIR recommendation from the Panel and decision from the Minister, support the eventual applications for a Land Use Permit and Water Licence for the Project.

Building on the EIR process and the ongoing collection of baseline data, De Beers has continued with the development of Project plans in collaboration with interested parties. Specifically, De Beers participated in workshops held by the Government of the Northwest Territories (February and March 2013) and De Beers' hosted an Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) workshop in March 2013. Engagement on Project plans with interested parties will continue with planned community visits in May/June 2013 and summer site visits planned for August 2013.

The provision of monitoring programs and management plans are a key element of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) permitting process, and De Beers has undertaken to provide interested parties with as much detail as possible, as early as possible, in an effort to be both transparent and proactive. To that end, De Beers requests that the MVLWB post the attached documents on the public



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registry and provide notice of the postings to interested parties, as it did recently for De Beers' 2012 baseline data reports.

De Beers understands that no formal review of these documents will be conducted by the MVLWB at this time as the MVEIRB is continuing with its EIR decision report writing for the Project. In addition, De Beers notes that the content of these programs and plans may require refinement to incorporate applicable outcomes of the MVEIRB decision, as well as any related to the MVLWB process. Accordingly, De Beers is providing the following documents on a preliminary basis for circulation to and review by any parties who wish to do so at this time:

- Vegetation and Soils Monitoring Program;
- 2012 East Lake Fish Tissue Chemistry Supplemental Monitoring Report for the Gahcho Kué Project;
- Incinerator Management Plan; and
- Landfarm Management Plan.

De Beers looks forward to continuing to work with interested parties on the Project and is available to meet and discuss any of these plans on request.

Sincerely,



Veronica Chisholm
Permitting Manager

Attachments