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Angela Love
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May 28, 2018

Dear Ms. Love:

Re: Consent for processing of the Gahcho Kué Water License Bridging Amendment for Temporary Increase in Water Allowance without Public Hearing- Schedule 3 Water License (MV2005L2-0015)

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) has requested through amendment application a bridging amendment to the Type A Water Licence for a temporary increase to the water withdrawal allowance specified within MV2005L2-00015, Schedule 3, Part D, Item 1b from 27,000 m³ to 35,000 m³. This water licence amendment is necessary to ensure the mine has enough water to support the camp during the period when the first amendment request, which includes a permanent change to the water allocation, is still under consideration by the public and the Board.

De Beers understands that, as per the NWT Waters Act Section 41(3) a) (i), if the proponent agrees that the amendment can proceed without a public hearing, and Section 41(3)(ii) no party requests to appear or intervene at a public hearing for this amendment request up until 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing, the amendment could proceed without a public hearing. De Beers is fully in support of processing the Bridging Amendment via written proceeding rather than a Public Hearing.

Should you have any questions, comments, or require further clarification, please contact me by email Sarah.McLean@debeersgroup.com or by phone at 867-688-9227.

Sincerely,



Sarah McLean,
Environment and Permitting Manager
De Beers Canada Inc.

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