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June 26, 2018

Dear Ms. Love:

Re: Water License (MV2005L2-0015) May 2018 Amendment Application for Temporary Increase in Water Use – Response to interventions

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) would like to acknowledge the intervening letters that were submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) regarding our May 2018 application for a temporary increase in water use to support the Gahcho Kué Mine camp.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans submitted a letter (June 14, 2018) to the MVLWB indicating that they had no comments regarding the De Beers May amendment application. The Government of Northwest Territories also submitted a letter (May 17, 2018) indicating that they are supportive of the application proceeding through written proceeding, rather than a public hearing. Additionally, the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation submitted a letter (June 19, 2018), indicating that too support the amendment moving through written proceeding without the need for a public hearing. De Beers appreciates these reviewer's comments and support for proceeding expeditiously through the process.

As we indicated in a letter to the MVLWB (May 28, 2018), we are also supportive of the May amendment application proceeding through written proceeding rather than a public hearing. This temporary increase in camp water use is critical to the operations of the Gahcho Kue Mine. De Beers continues to anticipate that we will exceed our current water use allotment in the first week of August, and therefore we request that the application is expedited to the extent possible to ensure the mine site has sufficient water allocated to maintain our camp.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-688-9227 or sarah.mclean@debeersgroup.com



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