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Kierney Leach
Regulatory Officer
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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Dear Ms. Leach:

Re: De Beers Gahcho Kue Water License Amendment (MV2005L2-0015) for Increase of Camp Water Consumption Allowance From 27,000m³ to 35,000 m³

This letter is in reference to the De Beers Canada application for amendment to the Gahcho Kué Water License (MV2005L2-0015) submitted on May 2nd, 2018 regarding an increase of the camp water consumption allowance from 27,000m³ per year to 35,000m³ per year. On behalf of the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN), I would like to provide you with this letter of notification that it is the opinion of the LKDFN that the minor increase of 8,000m³ should proceed without the need for a Public Hearing.

The Chief and Council of the LKDFN understand that the increase is to provide the ability for the mine to continue operations until:

- 1) The Water License anniversary date of September 24th 2018 and associated renewal of the annual allotment is awarded to the mine;
- 2) The Water License amendment submitted in March, 2018 with respect to other significant changes including the camp water consumption allowance has proceeded through the Amendment process currently underway and expected to be completed later in 2018 or early 2019.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-370-3051 or email me at: chief.lkdfn@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Chief Darryl Marlowe
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

cc. Allan Rodel
Gahcho Kué Mine General Manager/ De Beers – Mining Canada