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*Your file - Votre référence*

December 8, 2006

*Our file - Notre référence*

Kim Poole, M.Sc., RPBio  
2305 Annable Road,  
Nelson BC V1L 6K4

Dear Mr. Poole:

**Re: BHPBilliton's Ekati Diamond Mine - Appointment to the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency**

On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories-Environment and Natural Resources, and BHPBilliton Diamonds Inc., and in consultation with Aboriginal organizations, I am pleased to advise you of your appointment as a Director of the Board of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA), pursuant to Article IV 4(a)(ii) of the BHPBilliton Environmental Agreement.

The role of the IEMA Board is to provide independent oversight of the EKATI Diamond Mine, as described in the Environmental Agreement. The term of your appointment and remuneration for the position is governed by the Agency's bylaws and, as such, you will be receiving further details from Kevin O'Reilly, the IEMA's Manager. Please find enclosed is a copy of the BHPBilliton Environmental Agreement for your information.

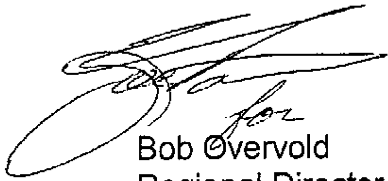
If you have any questions or concerns regarding this appointment, please call Lionel Marcinkoski at (867) 669-2591 or Kevin O'Reilly at (867) 669-9141.

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Congratulations on your appointment and I trust that you will enjoy serving on this very important Board.

Sincerely,



Bob Overvold  
Regional Director General  
Northwest Territories

cc: Sean Brennan, President and Chief Operating Officer, BHPB  
Bob Bailey, Deputy Minister, GNWT-ENR  
Bill Ross, Chair, Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency  
David Scott, Manager, BHPB  
David Livingstone, Director, R.R. & E.  
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Dr. Laura Johnston  
611-16<sup>th</sup> Ave. North  
Creston BC V0B 1G5

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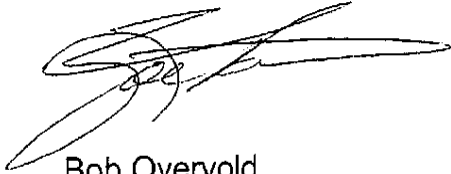
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