



Northwest  
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Dear Lionel:

**Moving forward – BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.  
2003-2005 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Review**

The EIR is the culmination of three years of environmental monitoring data and as such plays an important role in educating the public about environmental activities at Ekati Mine. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) feels it is important that the information in the report reflect the views of all stakeholders.

We wish to reiterate our position as outlined in our letter to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) dated June 30, 2006. The GNWT is committed to working with INAC, the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA) and Aboriginal signatories to the Environmental Agreement (the Agreement) to provide sound technical input to the EIR in a timely fashion so that the report can be completed to the satisfaction of all parties.

The GNWT wishes to meet with all parties to the EIR review process following submission of our concerns including suggested revisions to the report. A report will be submitted to your office containing this information on July 28, 2006, for inclusion in the Minister's Report which we understand will be submitted by mid August. In order to make best use of everyone's time, we would ask that BHP Billiton staff suggest a date for the meeting once the company has had an opportunity to consider our input.

We look forward to working collaboratively on this review.

Sincerely,

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