



***INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AGENCY***

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Chief Alfonz Nitsiza  
Whati Community Government  
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Dear Chief Nitsiza,

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency serves as a public watchdog for the environment at BHP Billiton's Ekati Diamond Mine. We are happy to report that we will be visiting Whati from September 18–20, 2012. We will hold a regular Agency Board meeting at the Community Government Chamber Room on Wednesday, September 19 (all day) and Thursday, September 20 (morning only) as well as an Open House for the community at the Whati Cultural Center at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 19.

We would be pleased to meet with you and/or members of Council during our visit if you are interested and available. We could provide you with a presentation on our mandate and work and provide a general update on the environmental performance of BHP Billiton, federal and territorial governments and regulators at the Ekati Mine. You and your Councillors are also welcome to join us during our Open House on Wednesday evening.

Please let us know if you would like to meet with us by contacting our Executive Director, Kevin O'Reilly, at our office in Yellowknife. You may reach him by phone at (867) 669-9141, by fax at (867) 669-9145 or by e-mail at [monitor1@yk.com](mailto:monitor1@yk.com).

We look forward to our visit to your community and the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Bill Ross  
Chairperson

cc. Kerri Garner, Director of Lands Protection, Tłı̄chô Government