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Mr. Ricus Grimbeek  
President and Chief Operating Officer  
BHPBilliton, Ekati Diamond Inc.  
#1103 4920-52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
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Dear Mr. Grimbeek,

**Re: Minister's Summary Report on the 2006 BHPBilliton Environmental Agreement Annual Report (EAAR) and Water Licenses Annual Report**

The Responsible Ministers of the Federal Government, the Government of the Northwest Territories –Environment Natural Resources (GNWT-ENR), the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency and the Aboriginal parties, have indicated to my staff that the responses to the 2006 EAAR are adequate. They are encouraged by recent improvements in consultation and the development of the Air Quality Management Programs (AQMP) proposed. These improvements in monitoring and reporting will enable the appropriate information to be included in future EAAR's.

We look forward to the 2007 BHPBilliton EAAR and planned meetings scheduled for this year.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. David Livingstone, Director of Renewable Resources and Environment at 867-669-2647.

Sincerely,

Trish Merrithew-Mercredi  
Regional Director General  
Northwest Territories

C.c. Gary Bohnet, Acting Deputy, GNWT-ENR  
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