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Subject: EKATI Diamond Mine Environmental Impact Report 2012 Public Workshop

BHP Billiton Canada Inc. (BBCI) is pleased to extend this invitation to attend the public workshop information session on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the period 2009 to 2011. This public workshop is to provide an opportunity to discuss the findings presented in the report, and will be held in Yellowknife on **6 and 7 November 2012**.

The information sessions will occur over two consecutive days. This does not including travel days, if required. **Each participant will be required to attend for the full period.** Sessions will focus on the monitoring components of the EIR: Water, Land, Wildlife and Air. The schedule is as follows:

Day 1: Monday 5 November 2012

- Travel to Yellowknife, if required

Day 2: Tuesday 6 November 2012

- Welcome
- Morning presentation and discussion
- Lunch
- Afternoon presentation and discussion

Day 3: Wednesday 7 November 2012

- Morning presentation and discussion
- Lunch
- Afternoon presentation and discussion
- Close-out
- Travel, if required

Day 4: Thursday 8 November 2012

- Travel Day, if required

The purpose of the information session is to allow for discussions on the monitoring programs conducted at EKATI with BHP Billiton. The invitation is extended to the following people:

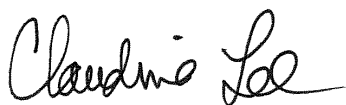
- Tlicho Government: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders from any of the Tlicho communities) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English

- Yellowknives Dene First Nation: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- North Slave Métis Alliance: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board
- Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency
- GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources: representatives from Wildlife, Environmental Assessment and Monitoring, and other relevant groups
- Environment Canada: representatives from the relevant divisions
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada: representatives from Water Resources, Environment and Conservation, Inspector, and other relevant groups
- Fisheries and Oceans

Travel expense assistance will be provided for community members attending the public workshop information session. Details will be forwarded in another letter after confirmation of participants.

Claudine Lee is the primary contact for questions prior to the information session. Claudine can be reached by e-mail at claudine.a.lee@bhpbilliton.com or by phone at (867) 880-2232. **Please confirm the attendees by 29 October 2012 to Claudine Lee.**

Sincerely yours,
BHP Billiton Canada Inc.



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Geoff Clark – Director of Lands, Environment, and Resources, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Luigi Torretti – Senior Environment Advisor, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Bill Enge – President, North Slave Metis Alliance

Sheryl Grieve – Environmental Manager, North Slave Metis Alliance

Mike Tollis – Lands and Resources Director, WLED, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

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Bill Ross – Chair, Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

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Fred Mandeville – Superintendent, Wildlife, GNWT-ENR

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