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Mr. Bill Ross, Chairperson
Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA)
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Bill:

Re. Air Quality Management and Monitoring Plan

Thank you for your letter on this topic dated October 9, 2008. BHP Billiton too has been pleased with the improvements that have been made to the AQMP over the past year, to which IEMA has contributed.

BHP Billiton agrees with IEMA that this is a good time to prepare an update to the AQMP document that will reflect the changes made over the past year. This work has been initiated and BHP Billiton expects to have an updated AQMP document available by the end of March 2009. BHP Billiton will provide copies of the document to IEMA when it is available.

BHP Billiton also shares IEMA's interest that this "good news" information should be shared with Aboriginal communities. To this end BHP Billiton is including a discussion of the recent improvements to the AQMP in a series of presentations to Aboriginal communities that are planned to take place through November 2008 to January 2009. BHP Billiton views the upcoming Environmental Impact Review that is scheduled for 2009 as an additional opportunity for further discussion of the AQMP with all parties, including Aboriginal communities.

Thank you for your support for this program.

Sincerely,
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Tyler".

Laura Tyler,
Manager – Environment, Community, Communications and Planning
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