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Operator of the EKATI Diamond Mine

Application # MV 2003L2-0013  
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Attention: Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin, Chair

Dear Ms. Camsell-Blondin:

**Re: EKATI Diamond Mine, Geochemical Characterization and Metal Leaching (ML) Management Plan**

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. would like to thank the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) for their decision to approve (April 3, 2007) the Geochemical Characterization and Metal Leaching (ML) Management Plan (the "Plan"). This Plan is a requirement of Water Licence MV2003L2-0013 for the EKATI mine (Part F, Item 2).

The approval was conditional on (i) geology maps, (ii) chloride data for fine processed kimberlite water, and (iii) rewording of the objective of waste rock management being included in an updated plan submitted to the WLWB by August 31, 2007. These conditions have been addressed in the attached updated version of the Plan. There have been no additional changes beyond those required to address the three conditions listed above. We have provided 2 hard copies plus 24 CD's of this report.

We trust that this information meets with the Board's requirements at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 867-669-6116.

Sincerely,  
**BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.**

Eric Denholm  
Superintendent - Permitting and Traditional Knowledge  
EKATI Diamond Mine