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May 29, 2017

Dear Chief Sangris and Chief Betsina,

Re: Proposed Changes to the Environmental Agreement for the Ekati Diamond Mine

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) have agreed on proposed changes to the Ekati Mine Environmental Agreement (Agreement) as outlined in their letter dated April 11, 2017. According to Article 15.2 (b) of the Agreement, the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) is required to unanimously agree with the changes. If the Agency does not unanimously agree, the GNWT and INAC are required to conduct public meetings and consult with the Aboriginal Society Members regarding the proposed changes.

Although the GNWT and INAC have requested your input, the Agency takes its obligation seriously and would like to ensure any questions or concerns you have regarding the changes are addressed.

Please inform the Agency of any questions or concerns you have regarding the proposed changes to our office by June 9, 2017. In addition, the Agency will be contacting your organization to discuss any concerns by phone.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak
Chairperson

Cc: Yellowknives Dene First Nation – Alex Power