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Attention: Mr. Bill Ross

Dear Mr. Bill Ross:

**Re: Invitation to Attend Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Technical Review Information Session – November 21 - 22, 2006, Water Licence MV2003L2-0013, Part I, (1)**

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc. will be hosting a two day information session to review and discuss the results of our three year review of the Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program, as required under the Water Licence MV2003L2-0013.

The session will be conducted on 9:00 AM, November 21 - 22 at the BHP Billiton offices at 4920 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in Yellowknife. Please sign in on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor. A draft agenda of the session is enclosed for your information purposes.

Both scientific and traditional knowledge experts are welcome to attend but groups should make sure that the experts that attend are the appropriate people to participate in a focussed technical discussion regarding this monitoring program. Translation is not planned for this session. Please provide the name of one (1) / departmental representative who will be attending from your organization to Linda Theil at (867) 880-2058 by **November 6, 2006**.

Following completion of this information session and submission of the revised monitoring program to the Board, BHP Billiton representatives will be available to discuss the results of the review with communities that are interested, contingent upon us receiving an invitation to visit their community.

We trust that the above information meets with your requirements at this time. If you have any questions or require any additional information about the session, please call Linda Theil at (867) 880 2058 or the undersigned at (867) 880 2232. We look forward to having your representative(s) participating in the information session.

Yours truly,

**BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.**



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Attachments

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**TECHNICAL REVIEW  
AQUATIC EFFECTS MONITORING PROGRAM  
INFORMATION SESSION  
November 21 – 22, 2006**

9<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, BHP Billiton Offices 4920 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yellowknife, NT

**AGENDA**

**November 21, 2006**

<b>9:00 – 9:30 am</b>	Introduction: Review of Session, Scope & Team Participants	Facillator
<b>9:30 – 10:00 am</b>	Summary of EKATI's AEMP	BHPB
<b>10:00 am-10:30</b>	Comparison of AEMP and Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) programs (in general)	BHPB
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	Technical Discussions: Introduction to Multivariate Statistics	Rescan
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	Technical Discussions: Results of Water Monitoring (2002-2005) at EKATI	Rescan
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1:00 – 1:45</b>	Technical Discussions: Results of Water Monitoring (2002-2005) at EKATI (cont'd)	Rescan
<b>1:45 – 2:45</b>	Technical Discussions: Results of Sediment Monitoring (2002-2005) at EKATI	Rescan
<b>2:45 – 3:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>3:00 – 4:00</b>	Technical Discussions: Results of Biological (fish, invertebrate), (2002-2005) Monitoring at EKATI	Rescan
<b>4:00 – 4:30</b>	Summary of Day	BHPB

**November 22, 2006**

<b>9:00-9:30</b>	Recap of Previous Day	Facillator
<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	Independent Review of AEMP at EKATI	Independent Reviewer – Simon Fraser University
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>10:45 – 12:00</b>	Conclusions, and Recommended Changes to the AEMP	BHPB
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1:00 – 2:30</b>	Comments from Participants	ALL
<b>2:30 – 3:00</b>	Session Summary and Follow-up	Facillator