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Re: Invitation from BHP Billiton to attend an information session on the Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Amalgamation Process – Information Request Submission

The Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board (the Board) hosted a technical session on November 4th and 5th 2008 to review BHP Billiton Diamond Inc's (BHP Billiton) Application for Renewal of the Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Water Licence.

During this discussion the reviewers identified several areas where additional information was requested from BHP Billiton. The vast majority of this information was to inform the requested changes to the Effluent Quality Criteria (EQC). A few other items were requested in association with other changes to the water licence proposed by BHP Billiton. The list of information requested was summarized in a letter circulated by the Board staff on November 7, 2008. BHP Billiton is currently working on assembling this data and will be submitting it to the Board on January 16, 2009.

Following this submission by BHP Billiton, reviewers will have 4 weeks to prepare their interventions for the March public hearing. This information is intended to provide reviewers with the necessary details to prepare their interventions. This submission package will contain a large amount of information and much of it will be technical in nature.

Due to the large volume of technical information being put forward, BHP Billiton would like to invite 2 to 3 representatives (plus a translator if requested) from your organization to attend a 1 day information session. At this session BHP Billiton along with their technical consultants will present the information and answer questions about it. The general intent will be to provide an opportunity for reviewers to gain a thorough understanding of the information, which may assist in preparation of interventions to the Board.

The 1 day session will be held on January 26th at the Genesis Group Training Centre located on the 2nd Floor of the Nunasi Building, 5109 48th Street Yellowknife from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. A 1 hour break will be taken for lunch (on own).

If this information session is of interest to your organization, please contact Charity Clarkin at charity.h.clarkin@bhpbilliton.com (867-669-6145) to confirm attendance or if you have any questions. For those people traveling from outside Yellowknife please contact Ms. Clarkin to discuss assistance with travel and accommodations.

Yours truly,
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.



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