

INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AGENCY

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Charlie Evalik President Kitikmeot Inuit Association P.O. Box 18 Cambridge Bay NU X0B 0C0

Dear Mr. Evalik

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency serves as a public watchdog for the environment at BHP Billiton's Ekati Diamond Mine. We will be visiting Kugluktuk on March 15-17 when we hold a regular Board meeting (in the Copper Room at the Recreation Centre) and an Open House for the community on the evening of March 16, 2011 (at the Jimmy Hikok Ilihavik School).

We would be pleased to meet with you and/or your Lands, Environment and Resources Department staff on the afternoon of March 16 if you are interested and available. We could provide you with a presentation on our mandate and work and provide a general update on environmental performance at the Ekati Mine. You and your staff would also be welcome to join us during the Open House.

Please let us know if you would like us to meet with you by contacting our Executive Director, Kevin O'Reilly at our office in Yellowknife. He can be reached at 867-669-9141 or by e-mail at <u>monitor1@yk.com</u>.

We look forward to our visit to your community and the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

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Bill Ross Chairperson

cc. Mayor Derek Power, Mayor of Kugluktuk Geoffrey Clark, Director, Lands, Environment and Resources Department, KIA



A public watchdog for environmental management at Ekati Diamond Mine<sup>TM</sup>