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Dear Mr. Baran,

We would like to extend our thanks to you and your staff for your assistance with our recent visit to Whatì between September 18 and 20, 2012.

In particular, Leanne Moosenose was very personable and helpful in arranging a meeting space for our Board of Directors, logistics for our community open house, transportation to and from the airport, and in making other helpful suggestions. Diane Nitsiza was also of great assistance to the Agency. We have visited many communities and found that the arrangements in Whatì were very well organized and exceeded our expectations.

Our community open house was well attended with about 40-50 community members. Following our presentation on the Ekati Diamond Mine and environmental monitoring, there was good discussion about the effects of the mine and reclamation planning. We also made a presentation to a large group of local high school students and were very impressed with the students and the interest they showed in environmental issues. We will put together and distribute a short brochure based on the open house to your community in a few weeks.

We wish to thank you again for the assistance of the Community Government of Whatì and the hospitality shown by the community. It was a pleasure to visit Whatì. We remain willing and able to provide information on our work and environmental performance at the Ekati Mine.

Sincerely,

Bill Ross  
Chairperson

cc. Chief Alfonz Nitsiza, Community Government of Whatì  
Kerri Garner, Director of Lands Protection, Tł̨chq̨ Government