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**RE: Presentation of the EKATI Diamond Mine Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan, February 5, 2007.**

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc (BHP Billiton) would like to extend an invitation to the following Communities and Regulatory stakeholders to attend a presentation of the EKATI Diamond Mine Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

- The Communities of Kugluktuk, North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA), Lutsel K'e, Yellowknife Dene, and Tlicho Government,
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), and Environment Canada (EC),
- Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA).

BHP Billiton submitted the ICRP to the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB) on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The ICRP presentation was originally scheduled for January 8, 2007, but was postponed due to a request by BHP Billiton internal legal and corporate to review the ICRP document. This review was prompted by the increased level of detail and financial obligation the company is committing to within the ICRP, compared to previous interim closure plans for EKATI. Because the presentation will take place after communities and regulatory agencies have received the ICRP this will provide an opportunity for reviewers to understand the ICRP document organization, it's key sections, and how it is integrated within EKATI's Life of Mine Plan.

To ensure we can accommodate the communities and regulatory stakeholders, while at the same time recognize the importance of community participation we are requesting that a maximum of four representatives attend from each of the above communities, one representative from each of the Regulatory Agencies, and one from the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA). We want to make sure that we maintain consistency of representation and information flow. For that reason we are asking, if possible, those participants who attended the Closure Planning Mine Site Tour and the Closure Options Workshop this past July 2006, are the same participants at the February 5<sup>th</sup> presentation.

The presentation will be held in the Janvier Room at the Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, followed by lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

BHP Billiton has appreciated Community and Regulatory input and advise during the development of the updated Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan, and we very much welcome your attendance at this presentation. We hope that you take advantage of this opportunity to hear highlights of the ICRP, how it has been developed, and how your input has been incorporated.

Should you have any questions regarding this invitation or the presentation, please contact myself, or Helen Butler (867) 669-6104.

Sincerely,

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