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Dear Mr. Scott

Re: BHPBilliton response to the Minister's Report on the Ekati Diamond Mine Environment Agreement and 2005 Water Licences Annual Report

Thank you for your letter and table of December 7, 2006 in response to the Minister's Report on BHPBilliton's 2005 Annual Report for the Ekati Diamond Mine.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is in receipt of the December 22, 2006 letter from the Government of the Northwest Territories - Environment and Natural Resources in response to your December 7, 2006 letter. We understand that GNWT-ENR considers the table to be satisfactory, and we therefore have no further comment on this matter. INAC looks forward to reviewing BHP's 2006 Annual Report and we trust that BHPBilliton will give serious consideration to the comments made during the review of the 2005 Annual Report.

GNWT-ENR has advised INAC they have scheduled meetings with BHPBilliton staff on the outstanding issues in the 2003-2005 Environmental Impact Report and they are in discussions with Environment Canada staff as appropriate. INAC anticipates that the parties will resolve these issues in the near future.

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Please contact Mr. David Livingstone, Director of Renewable Resources and Environment at 669-2647 or Lionel Marcinkoski at 669-2591 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Please find attached a letter Dr. Bill Ross.

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