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Re: BHP Billiton Draft Amended Water Licence (MV2003L2-0013)

Dear Mr. Nevitt

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the draft amended water licence for the BHP Billiton Ekati diamond mine. We wish to thank the Board and staff for a careful and helpful amalgamation of the previously separate two water licences covering this site. The tables that accompanied the draft were especially helpful in understanding any changes and should allow for an orderly consideration of any comments from reviewers.

Our comments are contained in the attached tables dealing with the proposed terms and conditions of the amended licence and the table of conditions not used in the amended licence. The Agency had no comments on the table dealing with the SNP changes.

We would be happy to discuss these comments with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

- Original Signed By-

Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Society Members

