



INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AGENCY

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David Scott
Manager, Environmental and Technical Services
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.
1102 4920-52nd Street
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3T1

Dear Mr. Scott:

Re: Proposal to Participate in Monitoring Activities of the LLCF

As BHPB has requested the attendance of the Agency at a series of meetings concerning management options for the LLCF, we are submitting a request for funds to enable us to participate. This request is made pursuant to the Environmental Agreement which enables the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (IEMA) to apply to BHPB for extra funds beyond the currently approved budget when appropriate.

Proposal Objective:

To facilitate the participation of four Agency directors, in the series of meetings proposed by BHPB, for the review of potential changes to the management of the LLCF. The purpose of Director attendance is to assist BHPB in establishing future direction for tailings management as well as to monitor the management of the LLCF.

Background and Rationale:

The Directors of the Agency have been requested by BHPB to participate in three meetings to discuss changes to the long-term management of the LLCF, beginning October 15, 2004. The Environmental Agreement provides the opportunity for the Agency to submit proposals to BHPB for unanticipated research and monitoring activities not covered in our core budget. The proposed meetings are not activities included in our work plan and budget for 2004-2005.

Budget (based on actual costs from previous meetings):

Director Travel* to and from Yellowknife:	
4 directors x \$1,200/flight x 3 meetings	\$ 14,400
Honoraria:	
Meeting days – 4 days x \$600/day x 4 directors	\$ 9,600
Travel days – 2 half days x 3 trips x \$600/day x 4 directors	\$ 7,200

Accommodations:		
2 nights/trip x 3 trips x 4 directors x \$165/night		\$ 3,960
Per Diems:		
2 half days/trip x 3 trips x 4 directors x \$82.20/day		<u>\$ 986</u>
	Total:	\$36,146

*Based on economy fares, not full fares. Changes to meeting dates may necessitate the upgrading of economy fares to full fares. The difference in price will need to be covered by BHPB, should meeting dates change.

While we support the collaborative approach BHPB is proposing to receiving input on proposed mine plan changes, our currently approved budget cannot accommodate this. We look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Sincerely,

-ORIGINAL SIGNED BY-

William A. Ross
Chairperson

Cc: RWED, DIAND, Aboriginal Society members