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To Distribution:

Re: Invitation to the Environmental Impact Report Information Session and Site Tour at EKATI

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc (BHP Billiton) is pleased to extend this invitation to attend the triennial 'plain language' information session on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the period 2006 to 2008. To provide an opportunity to discuss the findings presented in the report, BHP Billiton is hosting the information session at EKATI on **July 7-10, 2009**.

The information session and site tour will occur over four consecutive days, including two days for travel. **Each participant will be required to attend for the full period.** Sessions will focus on the monitoring components of the EIR: water, land/wildlife and air quality monitoring. All sessions will be held at the EKATI mine site. All meals and refreshments will be provided. The schedule is as follows:

Day 1: Tuesday July 7, 2009

- Arrive at EKATI in the afternoon
- Room allocation and site orientation
- Dinner

Day 2: Wednesday July 8, 2009

- Breakfast
- Morning presentation and discussion
- Lunch
- Afternoon bus tour of site
- Dinner

Day 3: Thursday July 9, 2009

- Breakfast
- Morning presentation and discussion
- Lunch
- Afternoon bus tour of site
- Dinner

Day 4: Friday July 10, 2009

- Breakfast
- Depart EKATI

The purpose of the information session is to allow for 'plain language' discussions on the monitoring programs conducted at EKATI with BHP Billiton. The invitation is extended to the following people:

- Tlicho Government: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders from any of the Tlicho communities) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- North Slave Métis Alliance: up to three representatives of your choice (preferably a mix of youth and elders) plus an interpreter (if needed) as sessions will be conducted in English
- Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board: one representative of your choice
- Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency: up to two representatives of your choice
- GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources: one representative from Wildlife; one from Environmental Assessment and Monitoring; one from the North Slave Regional Office
- Environment Canada: one representative from each of the relevant divisions
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: one representative from Water Resources; one from Environment and Conservation; one from Operations – South Mackenzie District
- Fisheries and Oceans: one representative

Because safety is our priority, BHP Billiton respectfully requests that all participants are physically able. This will allow them to participate in the tours around the mine site, and to use staircases safely.

Travel expense assistance will be provided for community members attending the information session. Details will be forwarded in another letter after confirmation of participants.

Andrew Nichols is the primary contact for questions prior to the information session. Andrew can be reached by e-mail at andrew.j.nichols@bhpbilliton.com. Denise Halwas is the secondary contact. Denise can be contacted by e-mail at denise.c.halwas@bhpbilliton.com. **It is very important to confirm the names of participants before June 11, 2009. Please contact Denise Halwas to do this** as she will be coordinating the travel for the information session. David Abernethy will be leading the information session and can be contacted by e-mail at david.r.abernethy@bhpbilliton.com.

Sincerely yours,
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.



for: David Abernethy
Environment Superintendent – Operations
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