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Re: Clarification of IEMA assessment of caribou behaviour at the BHP Billiton Ekati Mine

Dear Ms Fratton:

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency would like to clarify the statement attributed to Dr. François Messier of the Agency by the Dogrib intervenor Jean Teillet during De Beers' environmental assessment public hearing on May 1, 2003. For the record, the observed behavioural effect of caribou at the Ekati mine has been a 7-8% reduction in the time spent feeding by caribou cows and calves within a 5 km zone of the mine.

The Agency would like our clarification to be included in the public registry. If you require any further assistance on this topic, please do not hesitate to contact us through our office.

Sincerely,

Red Pedersen,
Chair

Cc. Jean Teillet

