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Re: Clarification of BHP data re affect on Caribou near mine-site

## Dear Ms Fratton:

You may recall that during the public hearing last week there was some debate about the BHP data with respect to whether or not there was statistical evidence of effects on caribou. The DeBeers representative, Mr. Virgil, stated that there were none. After lunch on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2003, the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, put on the record our understanding of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency's (IEMA) assessment of the BHP data.

There may have been some misunderstanding on our part about the IEMA assessment of the BHP data. We have spoken again with a representative of the IEMA and wish to clarify the record to the following:

The IEMA assessment of the BHP data is that within 5 km of the BHP mine there is a 7-8% reduction in the amount of time cows with calves spend feeding.

We ask that you place this letter of clarification on the public registry. We have also sent a letter to the IEMA asking that they send their assessment of the BHP statistics directly to the MVEIRB and have it placed on the public registry. We hope this clarifies the matter for the board. We apologize for any misunderstanding we may have inadvertently created.

Yours truly,

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