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Martin Haefele  
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Dear Mr. Haefele:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) Draft Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment of the De Beers Gahcho Kue Diamond Project dated January 26, 2006.

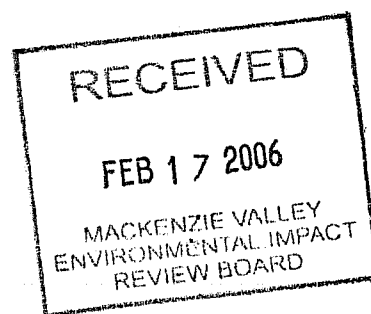
The focus of the Draft Work Plan on the Start up Phase and Scoping Phase for the Gahcho Kue Project is useful. INAC supports the Review Board's efforts to ensure that the resources of the Review Board and all parties are focussed on the issues that are likely to be of most concern.

I also confirm my understanding during the Board's meeting on February 3, 2006 that, prior to ordering an Environmental Impact Review, the Review Board will have sufficient information and evidence before it and will have completed an environmental assessment as required by s. 128(1)(b)(i) or s.128(1), as may be the case.

We look forward to participating in the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Sincerely

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Environmental Scientist  
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