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NOTES/COMMENTS:

As requested!

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Strong consideration, mitigation and accommodations must be incorporated when dealing with the DKFN's caribou impacts and the difficulty in our access of them.

Our members will be subjected to fly-in fly-out job prospects, making it hard on family relationships. When richness comes through diamond mine wages and IBA's our Members in the community will be faced with gambling, drugs, alcohol additions and community and family violence. Strong considerations, mitigations and accommodations should also be given to the DKFN's present and future socio economic impacts.

We have to consider 80,000 fish being removed from our food source. This impact will affect our future generations, so we believe the best and most advanced science practises should strongly be considered and more conservative numbers should be used to accommodate and compensate the DKFN, in these matters. Mitigating this through using the 80,000 fish figure numbers, handing out fish and providing the No Net Loss policy is a little short of reasonable.

The land at Kennedy Lake will be directly impacted and forever changed. The DKFN know that these lands are essential for the life-giving purposes of all living and non-living things (which includes the DKFN) in that area. What this project and this change will do to that relationship, now, during mine life and in the future is of concern. We believe that every reasonable effort must be used to make the least amount of disturbances of the natural environment of Gahcho Kue during the birth and life of the mine and DeBeers must make every reasonable effort to reclaim back Gahcho Kue to its natural state. We believe good working relationships, the use of best Scientific and Technological practises, Traditional Knowledge, and clear recommendations, direction, monitoring and inspections are reasonable expectations and commitments.

The water in the Gahcho Kue area, as DKFN knows it, flows into the Great Slave Lake. This water; will be used, maneuvered, drained, blocked and reintroduced into Kennedy Lake. Contamination from blasting rock and construction of dikes concerns us. The air emissions dropping onto the water concerns us, use of fuels, hazardous material and machines near the water concerns us and finally, not having a water treatment plant to release clean water back in its natural world concerns us greatly.

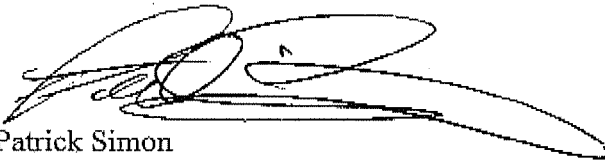
We can see how the water will not be contaminated to some respect considering the experiences and lessons learned from other mines in the region. Reasonable consideration must be given to the requirement on having a water treatment plant.

We fear the air emissions as they fall upon the water and land, will affect the fish, wildlife, and caribou, putting stresses on how we use the Kennedy Lake area and how caribou and wildlife is harvested by the DKFN. We believe that the best and most advance science practices and technologies must be used and incorporated into monitoring plans.

Finally, DKFN feels that not enough consideration goes into truly looking at the impacts of global warming and the cumulative effects of resource projects.

We are affected by global warming and cumulative impacts now, so reasonable efforts of compensation, mitigation and accommodations are relevant.

In closing, the DKFN feels strongly that we have made every reasonable effort to deal with the DeBeers Gahcho Kue Diamond Mine Project. We have presented evidence of our use and interests in the area; we have honored and fulfilled our treaty, our Framework Agreement and the Interim Measures Agreement (on current future treaty negotiations with the Federal and Territorial Governments), we have honored the Constitution of Canada, and the DKFN's duties and responsibilities in the Gahcho Kue area. It is our hope that all of the parties do the same.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Simon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Simon
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