



September 7, 2012

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Dear Mr. Hubert:

Support for LKDFN's Request for Public Hearing Location on the Proposed Gahcho Kué Project

De Beers is writing to support the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN) request, as noted in their letter to the MacKenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) on August 31, 2012, to hold a portion of the Public Hearings, specifically the Technical Hearings, in the community of Lutsel K'e.

De Beers respects and acknowledges that Lutsel K'e is the closest community to the proposed Gahcho Kué Project. De Beers has been privileged to have had the opportunity to discuss and listen to LKDFN members' advice and guidance on the proposed Gahcho Kué Project during several community meetings including, most recently, a site workshop on August 22, 2012. De Beers appreciates the views of LKDFN concerning public hearing location and continuing the conversation in the community would have additional benefit to the process.

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De Beers is also respectful of the Panel's requirement to be responsive to multiple parties in this process and that there is a need to accommodate a broad spectrum of requests from these parties, some who have indicated that it is preferable to attend hearings in Yellowknife given logistical constraints. De Beers, however, would encourage the Panel to consider the LKDFN's request, and hold at least one day of the Public Hearing in the Lutsel K'e community.

Sincerely

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