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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Hubert,

## <u>Re: EIR0607-001 (2006), Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project – Technical</u> <u>Session Agenda</u>

The GNWT provides the following suggestions and requests regarding the draft May 22 – 25, 2012 Technical Session agenda and format:

- We suggest a transcribed Technical Session.
- We suggest that the agenda focus on matters relating to the Wildlife Effect Monitoring Plan rather than just caribou.
- We are requesting that the Socio-economic session be moved to Friday, May 25.
- We ask that more time be allotted for discussion of socio-economic matters.
- We are also requesting 15 minutes for a presentation on socio-economic issues. We believe this will facilitate the session discussion of issues.
- Suggested socio-economic items for discussion are:
  - Assessment methodology
  - Follow up program
  - o Procurement and business opportunities
  - o Sustainable development
    - NWT benefits and net effect on government
    - Employee transportation and scheduling (including rotation and inmigration arrangements)
    - Closure planning
    - Energy
  - Employment Strategy
    - Outreach
    - Apprenticeship (including Apprenticeship policy and opportunities)

- Orientation
- Advancement
- Aboriginal and Northern Women
- Careers promotion and partnership
  - Specific approach to working with ECE and Mine Training Society including a description of the working relationship
- o Training needs assessment data and results
- Scholarship program
- o Human Resources Plan

Please contact me at <u>loretta ransom@gov.nt.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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