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Chuck Hubert
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Gahcho Kué Environmental Impact Review Panel

Sent via e-mail to: chubert@reviewboard.ca

Subject: Transport Canada's Information Request, Gahcho Kué Project.

Dear Mr. Hubert,

Transport Canada submits the following Information Requests for De Beers.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Jones directly by phone at (204) 984-4562 or by email at laura.jones@tc.gc.ca.

Thank you,

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Transport Canada's Information Request, Round II

Project Title: De Beers Canada – Gahcho Kué Project

IR Number: TC – 01

Source: Transport Canada

To: De Beers Canada

Subject: Effects to navigation, works in navigable waterways

Preamble:

The proposed Gahcho Kué Project has the potential to affect navigational use of waterways in the area surrounding and including the project. Proposed water management works include placement of dykes and installation of water intakes for water diversion and withdrawal, and de-watering sections of Kennady Lake for mining and tailings containment. Transport Canada has a responsibility to manage the public's right to navigate and has requested that De Beers evaluate, in their project's Environmental Impact Review, potential effects to navigation posed by the Gahcho Kué Project.

Request:

In order for Transport Canada to prepare for the evaluation of impacts to navigation, Transport Canada requests the proponent provide to a table listing all works De Beers anticipates will require approval under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* or will interest Transport Canada's Navigable Waters Protection Program. The table should include plans to de-water sections of and deposit tailings in Kennady Lake. Works including water intakes, outfalls, dams, dykes, fish habitat compensation works and any other work in, on, over, under, across or through a navigable water should also be included. The table should present as many of the following details as is possible:

- i) the type of work;
- ii) the location of the work (GPS coordinate in degrees, minutes, seconds);
- iii) the name of the waterway in which work will take place;
- iv) the width and depth of the waterway where work will take place;
- v) details of the work that are currently available and have been finalized. For example, dimensions, materials, construction timing, construction methodology, etc.



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Transport Canada's Information Request, Round II

Project Title: De Beers Canada – Gahcho Kué Project

IR Number: TC – 02

Source: Transport Canada

To: De Beers Canada

Subject: Effects to navigation

Preamble:

The proposed Gahcho Kué Project has the potential to affect navigational use of waterways in the area surrounding and including the project. Proposed water management works include placement of dykes and installation of water intakes for water diversion and withdrawal, and de-watering sections of Kennady Lake for mining and tailings containment. Transport Canada has a responsibility to manage the public's right to navigate and has requested that De Beers evaluate potential effects to navigation posed by the Gahcho Kué Project.

Request:

In order to present potential impacts of the combined effects of the Gahcho Kué Project works to navigation, the proponent should provide information outlined in the guidance document provided by Transport Canada to De Beers June 21, 2012 (available on the public registry). Informational requirements include:

- i) navigational use in the affected area;
- ii) likely effects to navigable waterbodies that relate to navigation;
- iii) project elements that may not affect waterbodies but may affect navigational use;
- iv) concerns of the public and aboriginal groups related to Transport Canada's potential Navigable Water Protection Act approvals and an indication of any measures taken to address these concerns;
- v) projected impacts to navigation considering i), ii), iii) and iv); and
- vi) cumulative effects to navigation of the Gahcho Kué Project in combination with impacts of other developments that have happened in the past, are currently happening or are reasonably foreseeable.