



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

January 27, 2006

To Distribution List – Gatcho Kué Project

Re: Identification of Environmental Assessment Roles – De Beers Canada Inc. Gatcho Kué Project (EA0506-008)

On December 22, 2005, the Gatcho Kué Project, proposed by De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers), was referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) for environmental assessment (EA). As part of the start-up process for this EA, the Review Board requests that interested persons or organizations formally identify themselves and their role in the EA.

Persons or organizations wanting to actively participate in this EA must obtain status as a party to the proceedings. Please refer to the Review Board's *Rules of Procedures* for an explanation of the role that parties to an EA perform. The *Rules of Procedure* are available from the Review Board office or on its website at www.mveirb.nt.ca.

If you or your organization wish to be considered as a party to the Gatcho Kué Project EA, please fill out the attached form entitled, *Identification of Environmental Assessment Roles*, and return it, by fax or e-mail to the contact coordinates listed below, on or before February 10, 2006. De Beers and the referring agency, Environment Canada are automatically granted party status and do not need to reply. Organizations or individuals who do not wish to formally participate in the EA, but who would like to receive further correspondence, should indicate so by requesting status as a 'member of the public'. Interested persons or organizations can become parties to the Gatcho Kué Project EA later on in the proceedings, should they desire, by contacting the Review Board.

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, or about the environmental assessment process in general, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at aehrich@mveirb.nt.ca or by phone at (867) 766-7056.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Ouyang".

For: Alan Ehrlich
Senior Environmental Assessment Officer