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Distribution List

Dear Parties:

Re: Schedule of Events for Gahcho Kue Scoping Hearings

This letter is to confirm and clarify the schedule of events in relation to the scoping hearings for the Gahcho Kue diamond mine environmental assessment over the next month.

These are the upcoming events or deadlines:

Event/Deadline	Date	Time	Location
Lutsel K'e Community Scoping Hearing	April 4 (Tuesday)	Starting at 13:30 (until at least 18:30)	Community Hall, Lutsel K'e
Parties's submission for Technical Scoping Hearing	April 4 (Tuesday)	End of day	n/a
Technical Scoping Hearing	April 10 (Monday)	Starting at 09:00	Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife
Dettah Community Scoping Hearing	April 11 (Tuesday)	Starting at 13:30 (until at least 18:30)	Community Hall, Dettah
Behchoko Community Scoping Hearing	April 25 (Tuesday)	Starting at 13:30	Cultural Centre, Behchoko

The community scoping hearings are open to anyone and are not exclusively for residents of the community they are held in. The three community scoping hearings will be informal. The developer will make a brief presentation on their proposed development. Following that anyone is invited to make their views known to the board. Please keep in mind that this is a scoping hearing only. Its purpose is mainly to hear the communities' views on what areas the Review Board should focus its attention on during the assessment. A second purpose is to gauge the level of public concern about the project.

The technical scoping hearing's purpose is to hear the technical experts' views on how the Review Board should divide its attention during the assessment. The technical scoping hearing is primarily aimed at the parties that participated in the technical scoping workshop March 21-23 but is open for anyone to attend.

There will be no pre-hearing conference for any of the scoping hearings, including the technical scoping hearing. There will be no decisions about project approvals made following these scoping hearings. Following these hearings the Review Board will develop draft terms of reference for the developer's assessment report. All parties will be given opportunity to comment on the draft terms of reference.

Sincerely

(original signed by)

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