



**BHP Diamonds Inc.**

September 28, 1999

Luciano Azzolini  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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**Re: Environmental Assessment Guidelines**

Dear Mr. Azzolini:

Please find attached a letter from the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council regarding the October 7, 1999 Dogrib regional meeting and BHP's agenda for the regional visit. Once the time is confirmed, we will inform you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any of the community visits.

Regards,

**BHP DIAMONDS INC.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tina Markovic".

Tina Markovic  
Senior Resource Planning Coordinator

Cc: Scott Williams, Manager, Environment and Resource Planning  
Denise Burlingame, Senior Public Affairs Officer



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Julian Bekale  
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Dear John Bekale:

**Re: BHP Community Visits and Regional Meeting**

Further to your letters of early September, our memo of September 8<sup>th</sup> 1999, and subsequent telephone calls; this letter is to confirm that the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council would be pleased to meet with your representatives to hear your presentations on:

1. The 1998 Socio-Economic Report.
2. The 1998 Environmental Report.
3. BHP's proposal to create three new mines in the Lac de Gras region.

The third presentation should only be viewed as a preliminary description of the work that BHP wishes to carry out, and further consultation will be required before the Dogrib are in a position to give their opinions on the proposed project. These consultations will be a part of a new environmental assessment process that the Dogrib will be requesting.

BHP originally proposed a series of community visits, however, the Dogrib Chiefs have requested a regional meeting; this will be a much more appropriate forum for discussion on the above items.

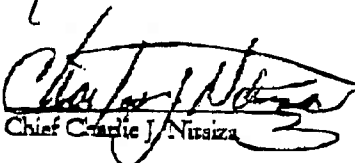
The Dogrib Treaty 11 Council is therefore requesting that BHP commit [redacted] towards the costs of hosting this meeting. For these monies, the Dogrib Treaty 11 Council will make all arrangements necessary for this meeting.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or staff at the Dogrib Treaty 11 offices.

In Dogrib Unity,

  
Grand Chief Joe Rabesca

  
Chief Henry Gon

  
Chief Charlie J. Nutsa

  
Chief Joseph Jidas

Dogrib Unity

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(Rae-Edzo)

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(Lac La Martre)

Cametl  
(Rae Lakes)

Wekwell  
(Snare Lake)