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November 15th, 1999

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Mr. Louie Azzolini
Project Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Azzolini:


The Town of Hay River has received a copy of the "Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference" for the BHP Diamonds Inc. Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable Kimberlite Pit Mine Extension.

In reviewing the "Terms of Reference" I have noticed two important issues not included in the reference which I would like to recommend their inclusion.

1. The socio-economic impact as it relates to outlying communities, specifically.
2. The utilization of existing infrastructure ie. Transportation or resupply related.

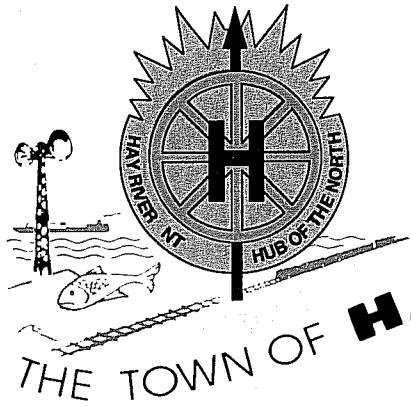
Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these two issues, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jack Rowe
Mayor

cc: BHP Diamonds Inc.
Mr. Jim Excell



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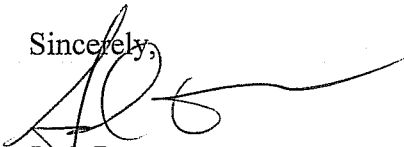
Dear Louie:

Thank you for the copy of the "Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference" for the BHP Diamonds, Beartooth, Pigeon and Sable Kimberlite Pit Mine Extension.

In reviewing this document, it was noted that the concerns from the Town of Hay River were not considered as a specific point in the Terms of Reference. We would ask why communities are encouraged to submit suggestions or concerns if they are not being included.

We would appreciate receiving a response from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Jack Rowe
Mayor

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