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RE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada & Environment Canada Joint Information Request for the DeBeers Canada Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement submitted by DeBeers Canada for the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Project (Project). To facilitate the review process DFO has coordinated our information requests with those of Environment Canada (EC) as our departments have complimentary interests and mandates with respect to aquatics resources. DFO and EC submit the following joint information requests to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board Panel, via DeBeers Canada, for consideration.

As you are aware, DFO and EC are federal departments with responsibilities for developing and implementing policies and programs in support of Canada's scientific, ecological, social and economic interests with aquatic resources. The Project has the potential to impact many areas that fall within the mandates of DFO and EC and as such, our departments have elicited the input of numerous internal scientific experts for this review.

Please note that all of the information requests included in the following submission are directed to the proponent. If there are any questions or clarification needed regarding DFO's comments, please contact at Sarah Olivier at sarah.olivier@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or by phone at (867) 669-4919.

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