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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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**Attention:** Mr. Rick Edjericon  
Chairperson - Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine Environmental Impact Review Panel

**Re: Submission of Environmental Impact Statement – EIR0607-001**

Dear Mr. Edjericon,

In our letter of December 2007 letter, De Beers Canada Inc. anticipated that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Environmental Impact Review of the Gahcho Kué Project would be filed in June 2008. Since that time the Gahcho Kué team has been focused on preparing an EIS that meets the Terms of Reference. The preparation of a draft of the EIS is nearing completion. However, the Joint Venture has taken the decision to defer filing the EIS at this time. To assist with planning the Panel's activities, we will notify the Board in advance of the expected filing date in the late fall of 2008.

Your understanding in this appreciated. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (867) 766-7343 or by email at [Paul.Cobban@ca.debeersgroup.com](mailto:Paul.Cobban@ca.debeersgroup.com).

Sincerely,  
**DE BEERS CANADA INC.**

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