

October 28, 2011

To: Parties to the Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review

**Re: EIS Analysis session for Gahcho Kue Project**

To Parties:

The Gahcho Kue Environmental Impact Review Panel will host its EIS analysis session on from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Chateau Nova Commissioner's Room (4401-50th Avenue, fourth floor) in Yellowknife, NT.

At this session, De Beers will present sections of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), followed by a facilitated discussion with parties. This is intended to give all parties the opportunity to discuss the EIS and to identify any information gaps. The EIS analysis session will serve as an efficient face-to-face forum for parties to receive clarification on, and possibly resolve, some issues prior to the upcoming information requests. It will also help parties prepare to draft their information requests.

Panel staff will facilitate this session. For clarity, this is not a hearing. Panel members will not be present. It will be a valuable opportunity for constructive and informative dialogue early in the process. To prepare for this session, parties should:

- review the EIS and De Beers' conformity responses;
- start their reviews of the information early, to allow enough time considering the size of the EIS; and,
- have questions ready to pose to the developer regarding any important issues not captured in the Terms of Reference or new questions arising from the EIS or conformity response.

An agenda will be posted online in the near future. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

*(Original signed by)*

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