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VIA E-MAIL

**Re: Participant Funding for the Environmental Impact Review of
the Proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine**

Dear Sir/Madam:

An independent funding review committee has completed its review of applications for participant funding for the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine. The Committee submitted its recommendations in a report to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (enclosed).

I am satisfied that the Committee's recommended allocations will provide the best value to the Panel's review of the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine. I accept the recommendations of the Committee and I am pleased to award the following amounts to the successful applicants:

1. Tli Cho Government	\$75,000
2. Yellowknives Dene First Nation	\$55,000
3. Deninu Kué First Nation	\$30,000
4. Lutsel K'e First Nation	\$30,000
5. North Slave Métis Alliance	\$20,000

This funding is contingent on each party being able to enter into and meet the requirements of a funding agreement with the Department. The central point of contact for these agreements will be Ms. DonnaMarie Ouellette in the Northwest Territories regional office. She can be reached at 867-669-2589 or by e-mail at donnamarie.ouellette@aandc.gc.ca.

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I would like to thank the Panel and the Committee members for their efforts in ensuring all parties have a meaningful opportunity to bring important information to the environmental impact review of the proposed Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine. I expect this information to benefit the Panel's report and the subsequent decision making of the Ministers with respect to the development.

Sincerely,



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Encl.

c.c.: Mr. Darryl Bohnet, Chairperson, Gahcho Kué Panel

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