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Via Email: [angela.love@mvlwb.com](mailto:angela.love@mvlwb.com)

Dear Ms. Love:

**RE: Gahcho Kue Mine Land Use Permit (MV2005C0032) Renewal Request**

## Introduction

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) operates the Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine (Gahcho Kué), in accordance with Water License MV2005L2-0015 and Land Use Permit MV2005C0032. In March 2020, De Beers submitted an amendment request to the Water Licence and Land Use Permit to update the mine plan, and to extend life of mine from Q2 2028 to Q2 2030. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) subsequently approved the amendment request on February 10, 2021.

As the recently amended Land Use Permit MV2005C0032 is scheduled to expire on August 10, 2021, and pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*, S.26(5), De Beers is pleased to submit this request to renew the Gahcho Kue Land Use Permit for five years, from August 11, 2021 to August 10, 2026.

## Scope of the Permit Renewal Request

De Beers is not proposing any changes to the scope or conditions the current Permit. De Beers requests conditions in the renewed permit will be consistent with Permit MV2005C0032. The only required change is to extend the permit expiry date to August 10, 2026.

Below is a list of all documents under Permit MV2005C0032 for reference. Other than required changes under other regulatory requirements as described in the table below, De Beers is not proposing any changes to the currently approved management plans in this application. De Beers expects these documents will continue to be listed under the renewed Permit.

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Table 1: Current Plans and Reports to be carried into Renewed Land Use Permit

Permit MV2005C0032 Section	Reference Documents with link on MVLWB Registry	Summary
35, 36	<a href="#">Erosion and Sediment Management Plan</a> , V.4	Plan continued to be implemented, no update required.
42, 43	<a href="#">Explosives Management Plan</a> , V.4	Approved plan continues to be implemented, no update required.
45, 46	<a href="#">Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan</a> (WWHPP), V.3.1	Approved plan continues to be implemented.  In accordance with the requirements of <i>Wildlife Act</i> , S.95(1), De Beers recently submitted the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) to replace this plan under Permit 2005C0032, S.46.  De Beers requests that the title of the 'Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan' should be replaced with the 'Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan' in the renewed Permit.
47, 48	<a href="#">Waste Management Plan</a> , V.5.5	Approved plan continues to be implemented.  As required under the 2020 Land Use Permit Amendment Approval, De Beers is in the process of submitting an update to the Waste Management Plan to include the approved landfill in the Coarse PK and Mine Rock Pile.
69, 70	<a href="#">Spill Contingency Plan</a> , V.3.1	Approved plan continues to be implemented, no update required.
84, 85	<a href="#">Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan</a> , V.4.1	Approved plan continues to be implemented, no update required.
86, 87	Final Closure and Reclamation Plan	To be submitted two years prior to the end of commercial operations for MVLWB's Approval.
89, 90	<a href="#">Engagement Plan</a> , V.2	Approved plan continues to be implemented, no update required.
91, 92	<a href="#">Vegetation and Soils Monitoring Program</a> , V.3	Approved plan continues to be implemented, no update required.
94	<a href="#">Annual Land Use Permit Report</a>	Submitted on March 31 annually, as a combined Water Licence and Land Use Permit Report.

**Note:**

All other relevant management plans and reports are available at MVLWB's Registry for [Licence MV2005L2-0015](#) and [Permit MV2005C0032](#).

## **Environmental Screening**

De Beers is not proposing any change to the mine plan or project description in this application. This land use permit amendment application should be exempt from preliminary screening as per Schedule 1, Part 1, paragraph 2.1 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act Exemption List Regulations which states:

*2.1 A development, or a part thereof, for which a permit, licence or authorization is requested that (a) was part of a development that fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act; and (b) has not been modified since the development referred to in paragraph (a) fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.*

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The activities described within this land use permit application are part of a development that fulfills the requirements of the environmental assessments previously conducted and therefore should not be subject to additional assessment.

## Closure Security

As the closure security has been recently updated and approved on February 10, 2021, and no change to the mine plan or project description is proposed in this application, De Beers is not proposing any update to the security deposit under Permit MV2005C0032, S.56.

## Engagement Records

De Beers has undertaken adequate engagement activities, prior to the submission of this application. No concerns are received from the indigenous parties to date. Table 2 summarizes the engagement activities that are specific to the current application. The notification letters are included Appendix B of this document.

**Table 2: Summary of engagement records**

Date	Method / Event	Location	Indigenous Parties	Discussion Summary
2021-04-09	Notification Letters	-	DKFN	Notification of the intent to submit the Land Use Permit Renewal request was sent to the leadership of each Indigenous Party.
			LKDFN	
			NSMA	
			NWTMN (incl. FRMG, FSMC, HRMG)	
			TG	
			YKDFN	
			NHX	
2021-04-09	Email Exchanges	-	FRMG	Confirmation of receiving the notification. No concerns were received.
2021-04-16	Follow-up email and phone call	-	DKFN	No concerns were received during or after the follow-up phone call and email.
2021-04-16	Follow-up email and phone voicemail	-	LKDFN	No concerns were received after the phone voicemail or follow-up email.
2021-04-16	Email Exchanges	-	NSMA	No concerns were received in the email exchange.
2021-04-16	Follow-up email and phone call	-	NWTMN	No concerns were received during or after the follow-up phone call and email.
2021-04-16	Email Exchanges	-	TG	No concerns were received in the email exchange.
2021-04-16	Follow-up email and phone voicemail	-	YKDFN	No concerns were received after the phone voicemail or follow-up email.

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Date	Method / Event	Location	Indigenous Parties	Discussion Summary
2021-04-22	Virtual Conference / NHX Q2 Meeting	-	NHX	No concerns were received during the virtual conference.
2021-04-27	Virtual Conference / GK Update	-	YKDFN	No concerns were received during the virtual conference.
<p><b>Note:</b>            DKFN - Deninu Kué First Nation            LKDFN - Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation            NHX - Ni Hadi Xa            NSMA - North Slave Métis Alliance            NWTMN - Northwest Territory Métis Nation (incl. Fort Resolutions Métis Government, Fort Smith Métis Council, Hay River Métis Government)            TG - Tłı̨chǫ Government            YKDFN - Yellowknives Dene First Nation</p>				

The renewal of the Land Use Permit will enable De Beers to continue to operate the Gahcho Kué mine as proposed and approved during previous proceedings, and to implement all required compliance activities. If you have any questions regarding this submission, I can be contacted at [william.liu@debeersgroup.com](mailto:william.liu@debeersgroup.com) or (867) 445-1485.

Sincerely,



William Liu  
 Regulatory Specialist  
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## Appendix A Land Use Permit Application Form

# Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley



## LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

Subsection 19(2) and Schedule 2 of the [Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations](#)

Use an "X" to indicate which Board the Application is being made to:	Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sahtu Land and Water Board:	
	Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board:		Gwich'in Land and Water Board:	

To complete this Form, please refer to the MVLWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#) (Guide) and fill in the grey fields; attach additional pages, as necessary. Indicate N/A in the grey fields for Items or parts of Items that are not applicable. Review the following MVLWB guidance for formatting your Application Package:

- [Document Submission Standards](#)
- [Standard Outline for Management Plans](#)

If applicable, provide the existing or current Land Use Permit file number:	MV2005C0032		
Use an "X" to indicate if this Application is accompanied by an Application for a Water Licence:	Water Licence – in a non-federal area:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Water Licence – in a federal area:		

### 1. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION – APPLICANT

Applicant's Name:	William Liu		
Position:	Regulatory Specialist		
Mailing Address:	Suite 300 – 1601 Airport Road NE		
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Prov/Terr:	Alberta	Email:	William.liu@debeersgroup.com
Postal Code:	T2E 6Z8	Other:	

### 2. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION – APPLICANT'S HEAD OFFICE

Include a Certificate of Corporate Registration from the Government of the Northwest Territories in your Application Package.

Use an "X" to indicate if this information is the same as Item 1 above:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name:	Sarah McLean

Position:	Environment and Permitting Manager		
Mailing Address:	Suite 300 – 1601 Airport Road NE		
Community:	Calgary		
Prov/Terr:	Alberta	Telephone:	(867) 688-9227
Postal Code:	T2E 6Z8	Email:	Sarah.McLean@debeersgroup.com
Field Supervisor:	Patrick Kramers	Other:	

### 3. NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION – CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

Include relevant names, responsibilities, and contact information. An additional table should be added for each contractor and sub-contractor.

Name:	Not applicable		
Position:			
Company Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Community:		Telephone:	
Prov/Terr:		Email:	
Postal Code:		Other:	

### 4. LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES

Use the grey fields below to provide or reference the following information:

Maps and Geographic Information System (GIS) Data: Include a map in your Application Package identifying local geographic features, watercourses and water sources, project structures, and location(s) of any proposed waste deposits. Provide geographic coordinates (latitude and longitude) of project features, and the maximum and minimum project boundary in degrees, minutes, seconds, or decimal degrees. Include GIS data in your Application Package, if applicable. Refer to the MVLWB [Guideline for Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\) Submission Standard](#) for providing geographic information.

Minimum latitude:	63° 25' 21"	Maximum latitude:	63° 58' 34"
Minimum longitude:	-109° 08' 08"	Maximum longitude:	-110° 15' 21"

NTS Map Sheet No.: Provide the map sheet number:

Land Types: Use an "X" to indicate the type(s) of the land on which the activities are proposed:

Free Hold/ Private:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner's/ Territorial Lands:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Federal Land:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal Land:	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 5. ELIGIBILITY

Refer to section 18 of the [Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations](#). Use an "X" to indicate which one applies:

18(a)(i):	<input type="checkbox"/>	18(a)(ii):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	18(a)(iii):	<input type="checkbox"/>	18(b):	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 6. RIGHTS AND/OR CONTRACTS TO SUPPORT ELIGIBILITY

Contact federal, territorial, and Indigenous governments and other parties to ensure all appropriate rights, authorizations, permissions, dispositions, and contracts have been obtained or are in the process of being obtained (e.g. mineral exploration rights, quarry permits, licences of occupation, leases, access agreements and authorizations, etc.). List and provide confirmation of other authorizations that relate to your activities; reference these in your Application Package (e.g. rights, permits, licences, etc.).

De Beers obtained and maintained all necessary rights, authorizations, and permissions from all levels of governments and agencies to operate Gahcho Kue Mine. These include:

- ARI – Scientific Research Permit
- DFO – Fisheries Act 35 (2)(b) Authorization
- GNWT - Quarry Permit
- GNWT – Surface Leases
- GNWT – General Wildlife Permit
- GNWT – Wildlife Research Permit
- GNWT – Mineral Leases
- MVEIRB – Environmental Impact Assessment Approval
- MVLWB - Water Licence
- MVLWB - Land Use Permit
- PWNHC – Class 1 Archaeology Permit

**Abbr.:** ARI – Aurora Research Institute; DFO: Fisheries and Oceans Canada; GNWT – Government of Northwest Territories; MVEIRB – Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board; MVLWB – Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board; PWNHC – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Center

## 7. PERMIT TYPE AND CRITERIA

Refer to sections 4 and 5 of the [Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations](#). Use an “X” to indicate which permitting criteria apply:

Type A				Type B				Type C	
4(a)(i):	X	4(b)(i):		5(a)(i):		5(b)(i):		(SLWB and WLWB only):	
4(a)(ii):	X	4(b)(ii):	X	5(a)(ii):		5(b)(ii):			
4(a)(iii):	X	4(b)(iii):	X	5(a)(iii):					
4(a)(iv):	X	4(b)(iv):	X	5(a)(iv):					
4(a)(v):				5(a)(v):					
				5(a)(vi):					

## 8. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Include your project description in your Application Package, or for small-scale projects, describe your proposed activities in the grey field provided below. Include the name and type (e.g., lake, river) of water source(s), and the purpose and quantity of water to be used (rates, volumes (m<sup>3</sup>/day)). Indicate the total number of hectares to be used in each phase of the project, as well as through the life of the project.

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) operates Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine (Gahcho Kue) under Water Licence MV2005L2-0015 and Land Use Permit MV2005C0032 (subject of the current renewal request).

The current Updated Project Description (UPD) was submitted as a part of the Water Licence and Land Use Permit Amendment application in March 2020 (Click [HERE](#)). The amended Water Licence was approved by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resource on March 10, 2021; and the amended Land Use Permit was approved by the MVLWB on February 10, 2021.

In the accepted 2020 UPD, the area of total land disturbance will be 1,428 ha (See attached map showing the approved disturbance area). No change to the 2020 UPD or the scope of the current Land Use Permit MV2005C0032 is proposed in this application.

## 9. CAMP

Describe the proposed camp size and layout. Indicate the number of person-days; explain, with rationale, any variations in the number of people that may be on site over the life of the project.

The Camp occupancy is described in Section 11 of the accepted [2020 UPD](#). No change to the existing Gahcho Kue camp occupancy is proposed in this application.

## 10. ROADS AND ACCESSES

Provide detailed information about the construction, location, and decommissioning of any roads and accesses.

Use an "X" to indicate if this is to be a pioneered road or access:	Yes		Use an "X" to indicate if the route has been laid out or ground-truthed:	Yes	<b>X</b>
	No	<b>X</b>		No	

De Beers will continued to access Gahcho Kue Mine through the approved winter spur road route during the winter road period. No new access road is proposed in this amendment application.

## 11. PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT METHODS

Use the grey fields below to provide or reference the following information:

Waste Management Plan: Include your Waste Management Plan in your Application Package, if applicable, or for small-scale projects, describe your proposed waste management activities in the grey fields provided below. A template for the Plan can be found in the MVLWB [Guidelines for Developing a Waste Management Plan](#).

Waste Type	Management Method(s)
Garbage:	Waste management at Gahcho Kue is described in the approved <a href="#">Waste Management Plan</a> .  <b>Note:</b> As required under the approval to Amendment #5 of the Land Use Permit MV2005C0032, De Beers is in the process of submitting an updated Waste Management Plan for the Board approval.
Sewage (Sanitary and greywater):	Sewage and the treated sewage are handled as described in the approved <a href="#">Waste Management Plan</a> . No change to sewage handling is proposed in the current application.
Brush and trees:	De Beers does not plan to change the approved disturbance area of 1,428 ha in the <a href="#">2020 UPD</a> .
Overburden (Organic soils, waste material, etc.):	The overburden handling is described in the latest <a href="#">Processed Kimberlite and Mine Rock Management Plan</a> under Water Licence MV2005L2-0015. No change to the overburden management method is proposed in this application.

Off-site Disposal: If waste is proposed to be disposed of off-site within the NWT, written confirmation (e.g., an email, letter, etc.) from the facility/facilities indicating they will accept the waste is required. Include it/these in your Application Package. Please note this information will be required by the Board prior to commencement of activities.

Any off-site waste disposal continued to be implemented as described in the approved Waste Management Plan V.5.5. No change to the off-site waste disposal is proposed in this application.

## 12. EQUIPMENT

Identify the types of equipment proposed to be used.

A list of equipment has not been provided in this permit renewal application, as there are no proposed changes to the existing onsite equipment.

## 13. FUEL

Identify all fuel types proposed to be used.

No change is proposed to the current fuel storage facilities in this application. The current fuel storage facilities are described in Section 10 of the [2020 UPD](#).

## 14. METHODS OF FUEL TRANSFER

Describe the proposed methods to transfer fuel.

No change is proposed to the current fuel transfer method in this application. The fuel will continue to be transported to Gahcho Kue through the winter road.

## 15. SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

Include your Spill Contingency Plan in your Application Package, if applicable, or for small-scale projects, provide relevant details in the grey field provided below. An example of this Plan can be found in the INAC [Guidelines for Spill Contingency Planning](#).

No change to the approved [Emergency Response and Spill Contingency Plan](#) is proposed in this application.

## 16. PROPOSED PROJECT SCHEDULE AND TERM

Indicate the proposed project start and completion dates and the time of year the project activities are planned to occur. Describe any anticipated temporary closure(s) or seasonal shutdowns. Indicate the term requested.

Start Date:	September 20, 2016	Completion Date:	June 30, 2030
The Gahcho Kue operation started in September 2016, and is expected to end in June 2030.			
Term of Permit Requested:	5 Years		

## 17. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT AND PROPOSED MITIGATIONS

Using the Impact-Mitigation Table below, or the more detailed Table in Appendix D of the [Guide](#), identify all potential impacts and possible mitigations that are relevant to the proposed project, and indicate whether any of the mitigation measures have been developed as a result of input from affected parties. Possible potential impacts are listed below; however, these lists are not exhaustive and may not apply to all projects. All information provided should reflect the size, scale, and nature of the proposed project. Cumulative impacts and climate change must be considered. Attach additional pages if needed.

A comprehensive environmental and social impact assessment of Gahcho Kue Mine was presented in the Gahcho Kue [Environmental Impact Statement](#) in 2010. It was approved by the responsible Minister in October 2013.

The 2020 Water Licence and Land Use Permit amendment application, including an [Environmental Screening Report](#), was submitted in March 2020, and was approved by the MVLWB in February 2021.

As no change to the scope of the Land Use Permit or the Project Description is proposed in this application, no additional environmental impact is expected.

## 18. CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION

Use the grey field below to provide or reference the following information:

**Closure and Reclamation Plan:** Describe your plans for closure and reclamation, including any temporary closure(s) and seasonal shutdowns. Include your Closure and Reclamation Plan in your Application Package, if applicable, or for small-scale projects, describe the proposed activities in the grey field provided below. Please also refer to the MVLWB/AANDC [Guidelines for the Closure and Reclamation of Advanced Mineral Exploration and Mine Sites in the Northwest Territories](#).

**Closure Cost Estimate:** Prepare a Closure Cost Estimate and include it in your Application Package. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Board, prior to applying, to determine which closure-cost-estimate template is most suited to the activities being applied for. Guidance is provided in section 2.2 of the MVLWB/INAC/GNWT [Guidelines for Closure and Reclamation Cost Estimates for Mines](#). If your Application is submitted concurrently with a Water Licence Application, the estimate should include a breakdown of water- and land-related activities and liabilities.

De Beers will continue to implement the approved [Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan](#) under Water Licence MV2005L2-0015. No change to this plan is included in this application.

The latest Closure Cost Estimate (Reclaim Model) for Gahcho Kue Mine was approved by the MVLWB in February 2021. No change to the Closure Cost Estimate is proposed in this application.

## 19. ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Use the grey field below to provide or reference the following information:

**Engagement:** Conduct engagement, prepare an Engagement Record and Engagement Plan in accordance with the MVLWB [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits](#), and include them in your Application Package. Templates are provided in the Guidelines. Please also refer to [Information for Proponents on MVLWB's Engagement Requirements](#).

**Land Use Plans:** Contact the applicable Land Use Planning Board or the Tłı̄chǫ Government to discuss conformity with the relevant land use plan(s). Include a Land Use Plan Conformity Table in your Application Package, demonstrating how the project meets the requirements of the Land Use Plan, if applicable.

**Traditional (Environmental) Knowledge (TEK/TK):** Provision of TEK/TK is mandatory for applications to the SLWB. Other applicants are strongly encouraged to include TEK/TK.

**Studies Undertaken to Date:** List any relevant studies that support the proposed activities and include them in your Application Package.

**Engagement:** De Beers will continued to implement the approved [Engagement Plan](#) under Water Licence MV2005L2-0015. No change to the plan is proposed in this application. The Engagement Record for this application is attached to this submission.

Land Use Plans: No change to the land use plan for the approved Gahcho Kue Mine is proposed in this application.

Traditional Knowledge: Traditional knowledge, such as the knowledge obtained from the Fish Tasting program under the approved Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program, will continued to be incorporated into the approved monitoring and operations of the mine.

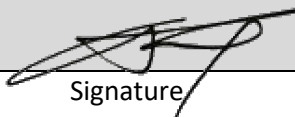
Studies Undertaken to Date: De Beers will continue to implement all studies and monitoring programs described in approved management and monitoring plans under Water Licence MV2005L2-0015 and Land Use Permit MV2005C0032.

## 20. FEES

Refer to section 20 of the [Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations](#) for assistance in determining relevant fees.

Type of Fee	Amount (\$)
Application fee:	\$150
Land-use fees (for federal areas only):	\$0
Total Fees:	\$150

## 21. SIGNATURE

William Liu	Regulatory Specialist
Applicant's Name (print) or Company Name	Position (print)
	May 5, 2021
Signature	Date

Please submit completed applications to the Regulatory Manager or Executive Director identified on the "Contact Us" pages of the respective Land and Water Board ([www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com), [www.wlwb.ca](http://www.wlwb.ca), [www.slwb.com](http://www.slwb.com), [www.glwb.com](http://www.glwb.com)).



**Legend**

■ Total Disturbance

**Gahcho Kue Mine Approved Disturbance Footprint**

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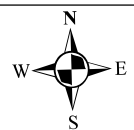
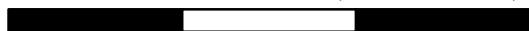


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## Appendix B Engagement Notification Letters

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April 9, 2021

Chief Louis Balsillie  
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Via Email: admin@dkfn.ca

Dear Chief Balsillie:

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If you or anyone in your organization have any questions or concerns regarding De Beers' upcoming request, please contact me by email at [william.liu@debeersgroup.com](mailto:william.liu@debeersgroup.com) or by phone at (867) 445-1485.

Sincerely,



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CC: Carol Ann Chaplin – DKFN  
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Via Email: chief.lkdfn@gmail.com

Dear Chief Marlowe:

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Via Email: [rosy.bjornson@nihadixa.ca](mailto:rosy.bjornson@nihadixa.ca)

Dear Ms. Bjornson:

**RE: Notice of Intent to Request for Land Use Permit Renewal for Gahcho Kué Mine**

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Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Enge:

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Dear Mr. Bailey:

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Dear Ms. Mackenzie:

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