

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.
Operator of the EKATI Diamond Mine



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Mr. Gordon Peeling
President and CEO
The Mining Association of Canada
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Dear Mr. Peeling:

BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc EKATI Diamond Mine has a process in place to verify the information provided to the Mining Association of Canada (MAC) with respect to the Company's Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) Performance Indicators.

The TSM Verification Process included an independent review performed by BSi Management Systems Canada. The verifier assessed the company's reported TSM performance indicator results as measured against the requirements of MAC's Towards Sustainable Mining Performance Indicators.

The review confirms that the reported results for the period ending December 31, 2006 fairly state the company's performance with the exception of:

- Crisis Management protocols – were not assessed with the yes/no criteria. *Requested to be re-evaluated.*
- GHG emissions reporting systems – was reduced from 5 to 4 level as the GHG data has not been externally verified.
- Tailings management system – was reduced from 3 to 2 as the management of the available records is cumbersome and can't be considered effective.
- Annual tailings management review – was increased from 1 to 2 as the review process is implemented and records are available.
- Effective COI engagement and dialogue and COI response mechanism – were downgraded from 3 & 4 to 2 as the COI correspondence records are not consistently managed though out the different departments.

We agree with these changes and have modified our evaluation accordingly. Please feel free to contact Laura Tyler (867) 669-6156 if you have any questions about our 2006 results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricus".

Ricus Grimbeek
President & COO