

**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, 2008 fairly state the company's performance, with the exception of:

- Crisis Management protocols – downgraded in some areas due to documentation issues and lack of evidence of timely training.
- Energy and GHG emissions reporting systems – was maintained overall with a requirement for internal/external audit to maintain this going forwards.
- Tailings management system – was reduced from 3 to 2 as the management of the available records is cumbersome and can't be considered effective.
- COI response mechanism and COI Identification – were upgraded from 4 to 5 due to improvements made in the processes over the last 12 months

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 2008 results.

Sincerely,



Richard Morland  
Interim President & COO  
EKATI Diamond Mine