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Operator of the EKATI Diamond Mine



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Mr. Pierre Gratton,
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Mining Association of Canada
1105 – 350 Sparks Street
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Dear Mr. Gratton,

BHP Billiton Canada 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, 2011 fairly state the company's performance and highlight the following areas for improvement-

Crisis Management:

- All indicators for Corporate were downgraded from Yes to No due to lack of evidence provided to support self-assessment results (stakeholder information, notification system testing, annual "table top" crisis simulation).
- The Preparedness and Review Indicators for the Facility were downgraded from Yes to No due to lack of evidence provided to support self-assessment results (media spokesperson training and notification system testing).

Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management:

- Indicator 1 - Energy Use Management Systems was reduced from level AA to B due to insufficient evidence provided to demonstrate that three of the criteria at level A have been achieved (budget, procedures and training).
- Indicator 2 – Energy Use Reporting Systems was reduced from AA to A due to insufficient evidence to support annual public reporting of performance (energy use against target).
- Indicator 3 – Energy Intensity Performance Targets was reduced from AA to A due to lack of internal and external auditing in this area and an energy intensity rate of improvement target been not been calculated as required for 3 of the past 4 years.

- Indicator 4 – GHG Emissions Management Systems was reduced from AA to A due to this area not receiving related internal auditing.
- Indicator 5 – GHG Emissions Reporting Systems was reduced from AA to A due to a lack of annual public reporting of performance (GHG emissions against target).
- Indicator 6 – GHG Emissions Intensity Performance Targets was reduced from AA to A due to lack of internal and external auditing of this area.

Tailings Management:

- Indicators 1 through 4 were reduced from AA to A due to the consultant retained for auditing purposes cannot be considered independent for the purposes of doing an audit or assessment and assessments undertaken by this consultant do not provide sufficient evidence of a complete and effective audit or assessment against MAC criteria.

Please feel free to contact Richard Morland at (867) 669-6156 if you have any questions about our 2011 results.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Cooper

President & COO
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