



February 16, 2011

Mr. Gordon R. Peeling,
President and Chief Executive Officer
The Mining Association of Canada
1105-350 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON K1R 7S8

Dear Mr. Peeling:

De Beers Canada Inc. 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.

We completed the TSM Verification Process for the 2010 self-assessment results reported by our Snap Lake and Victor mines, which commenced operations in 2008. The 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: Indicator 3; Training for Crisis Management at Snap Lake Mine was upgraded from "No" to "Yes" as the mine has three years in which to plan and carry out a full crisis simulation exercise (mine was commissioned in 2008).
- Tailings Management: Indicator 4; Annual Tailings Management Review at Victor Mine was upgraded from level 2 to 3 due to there being sufficient evidence to support the review process meeting MAC requirements.
- Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management: Indicator 1; Energy Use Management Systems at Snap Lake Mine was reduced from level 3 to 2 due to insufficient evidence to demonstrate that most of the criteria have been achieved.
- Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management: Indicator 3; Energy Intensity Performance Target at Snap Lake Mine was reduced from level 2 to 1 due to energy intensity performance targets not being established for the mine.



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- Energy Use and GHG Emissions Management: Indicator 6; GHG Emissions Intensity Performance Target at Snap Lake Mine was reduced from level 2 to 1 due to GHG emissions intensity performance targets not being established for the mine.
- External Outreach: Indicator 2; Effective COI Engagement and Dialogue at Snap Lake Mine was reduced from level 5 to 3 due to records not being available to demonstrate an annual review.

We agree with these changes and have modified our assessment accordingly. If you have any questions or require clarification with respect to the above please contact David Putnam at 416.645.1710.

Yours truly,



Chantal Lavoie
Acting CEO and Chief Operating Officer

cc – David Putnam

