

DE BEERS GROUP

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

Dear Mr. Gratton:

De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers), a member of the Mining Association of Canada (MAC), is the operator of one active mine in Canada - the Gahcho Kué diamond mine located in the Northwest Territories. The Gahcho Kué mine was opened in September of 2016 and successfully reached commercial production in January of 2017. The mine has now operated for just over four years.

De Beers is committed to the principles of *Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM)* and has diligently conducted self-assessments against the TSM protocols in every year of operations since 2017. As required by the TSM framework, De Beers undertook a third party verification for the 2019 data (third year of operations) using the certified verifier, Ross Szwec of EEM.

De Beers confirms that the results of the third party verification are valid and fairly state the companies performance.

The Gahcho Kué mine achieved AAA ratings for all indicators under the protocols of Aboriginal and Community Outreach, Biodiversity Conservation Management, Energy and GHG Emissions Management, and Safety and Health. Verification of TSM requirements was also confirmed for Crisis Management and Communications Planning (Corporate), Preventing Child and Forced Labour. The Gahcho Kué mine also voluntarily engaged in the third party verification of the Water Stewardship Protocol and achieved AAA ratings for two of the indicators: water-shed scale planning, and water reporting, and achieved AA ratings for water governance and operational water management. Tailings Management was verified as A for all indicators.

De Beers continues to support our operations in mining sustainably and in cooperation with the communities around us.

Yours truly,



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