

November 7, 2017

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. 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 2016 self-assessment results reported by our Victor Mine. The verification process included an independent review performed by BSI Management Systems Canada. The verifier assessed our 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, 2016 fairly state the company's performance with the exception of:

- Tailings Management: Indicator 4 - *Annual Tailings Management Review* was reduced to "B"; the required Annual Management Review was not conducted in 2016
- Tailings Management: Indicator 5 - *OMS Manual* was reduced to "A": the required annual Management Review was not conducted in 2016
- Biodiversity: Indicator 1 - *Policy, Accountability and Communications* was increased to level "AAA": Laurentian University Studies address partnership requirement
- Biodiversity: Indicator 2 - *Biodiversity Conservation Planning* was increased to level "AAA"; the Follow Up Program Agreement reporting and the related external review process addresses the verification requirement.
- Biodiversity: Indicator 3 - *Biodiversity Conservation Reporting* was increased to level "AA": the Follow Up Program Agreement reporting and the related external review process addresses the verification requirement.

Yours Truly,



Kim Truter
Chief Executive Officer : De Beers Canada

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