

DE BEERS GROUP

December 14, 2023

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 seven years.

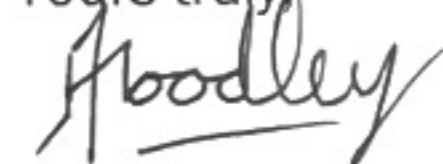
De Beers is committed to the principles of the Towards Sustainable Mining (TSM) and has diligently conducted self-assessments against the TSM protocols in every year of operations since 2017. As required by the TSM framework, De Beers has completed third party verifications every three years during operations. Our first verification was conducted by EEM and our second verification has now been completed by Blue Heron Environmental. De Beers confirms that the results of the 2023 third-party verification are valid and fairly state the companies performance.

In 2023, the Gahcho Kué mine achieved AAA ratings for all indicators under the protocols of Biodiversity Conservation Management, Indigenous and Community Relationships, Water Stewardship and Tailings Management. Verification of TSM requirements was also confirmed for Crisis Management and Communications Planning (Corporate and Facility) and Prevention of Child and Forced Labour.

The mine achieved AAA ratings for climate change indicators 1 (corporate climate change management) and 2 (facility climate change management) and AA rating for indicator 3 (facility performance targets and reporting). Likewise, the Gahcho Kué Mine achieved AAA ratings for Indicators 1-4 of Safety and Health, and AA rating for Indicator 5 (performance).

While we are proud of the achievements we've accomplished to date, we acknowledge that we are on a journey of continuous improvement. De Beers continues to support our operations in mining sustainably and in cooperation with the communities and environments around us.

Yours truly,



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