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Mr. Derrick Moggy  
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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
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RE: Victor Diamond Mine Extension Project (Reference Number 80043)

Dear Derrick,

On November 1, 2017 De Beers Canada Inc. announced that the Victor Mine would complete the mining and production activities in the first quarter of 2019. Once the mine pit has been depleted in 2019 the demolition and environmental monitoring phase is expected to take three to five years.

Prior to making the announcement, De Beers Canada CEO, Kim Truter, met with the leaders of the four First Nations with which the Victor Mine has Impact Benefit Agreements and committed to completing our obligations under the IBA's.

De Beers intends to maintain the mineral leases in the area of the Victor Mine, including those which cover adjacent kimberlites, including the Tango Extension kimberlite. Since the Victor Mine process plant cannot viably treat ore from the smaller kimberlites, we will not be proceeding with the Victor Mine Extension Project, Reference 80043, and request that the Environmental Assessment that is currently in progress be terminated, effective immediately. Please advise if there are any additional steps we need to take in order to effect the termination.

We will continue to investigate alternative mining and ore treatment methods that may render the Tango Extension, and possibly other kimberlites in the area, economical to mine in the future.

Yours Sincerely,  
<Original signed by>

Andrew Williams

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