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SPECIAL DENE LEADERSHIP MEETING
MAY 28 – 31, 2018
DELINE, DENENDEH

MOTION #18/19-011

SUBJECT: Ekati Diamond Mine

MOVED BY: Chief Gene Hope, Acho Dene Koe First Nation

SECONDED BY: Chief Roy Fabian, K'atl'odeeche First Nation

DECISION: Unanimously Passed

WHEREAS, the Dene Nation has convened the Special Dene Leadership Meeting in Deline, Deneneh from May 28 – 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Dene are party to Treaties #8 and #11 with the British Crown; and

WHEREAS, the Dene are also party to other agreements that provide specific benefits to the Dene communities; and

WHEREAS, Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA) and Socio-Economic Agreements have been entered into with member Dene communities to support their interests associated with diamond mines in the Northwest Territories; and

WHEREAS, it has recently been announced that there is potential to undermine these IBA and Socio-Economic Agreements; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation supports Indigenous governments in ensuring the requirements of the IBA and Socio-Economic Agreements are fully implemented at the Ekati Diamond Mine; and

THAT FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dene Nation supports the workers at the mine currently under the threat of layoffs and calls on the Government of Northwest Territories to take immediate action to ensure the security and well being of our many northern Indigenous workers.

Certified copy of a Motion adopted on the 30th day of May 2018 in Deline, Deneneh.

Bill Erasmus, Dene National Chief

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“Upholding and Protecting the Rights and Interests of the Dene Nation”