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**MEDIA RELEASE****26 FEBRUARY 2021****YELLOWKNIFE, NWT, CANADA****GAHCHO KUÉ MINE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL COVID-19  
MEASURES AS PART OF RETURN TO PRODUCTION**

Gahcho Kué Mine Joint Venture Partners De Beers Group (51% - the operator) and Mountain Province Diamonds (49%) report that new COVID-19 health and hygiene measures are being implemented in addition to the range of existing controls, as part of the ramp up to production over the coming weekend. The mine suspended production related activities on February 6 after an on-site outbreak of COVID-19.

The ramp up to return to production follows an essential services team crew change on February 23, which included bringing in two industrial hygienists to review and oversee work protocols and provide further recommendations for enhancing on-site measures. The entire workforce has been changed out to break any possible chain of COVID-19 transmission. The new essential services team have all received negative PCR tests. Essential services, which have continued throughout the production suspension period, include maintaining power, water and sewer treatment, clearing roads, time critical maintenance work, water management, and receiving incoming winter road fuel and cargo shipments.

The next step will be to bring in the operational crews to build up to full production.

Lyndon Clark, General Manager of Gahcho Kué Mine, said: “The most important thing throughout this time is the health and safety of everyone at Gahcho Kué and the communities nearby. To further bolster the range of controls we already have in place, we are therefore taking additional strong actions, including adopting the use of newly-available rapid testing technology, to detect cases early and to minimize the risk of transmission.”

The additional measures to further strengthen the critical controls aimed at preventing infections include enhanced pre-screening of all employees and contractors prior to travel to the mine. Gahcho Kué is also expanding its testing program with the introduction of newly-available rapid antigen testing at all points of pickup, allowing presumptive cases to be identified and isolated before they travel to the mine. Additionally, rapid testing will be used during shift rotations at defined intervals between inbound and outbound PCR testing.

The wide range of existing precautionary measures at the mine site remain in place, including daily health screening, use of facial barriers, enhanced physical distancing measures in camp facilities including the dining room and smoking areas and redesign of some work procedures. Additional measures will be added as a result of the industrial hygiene assessment.

Gahcho Kué Mine is in the Northwest Territories about 280 km northeast of Yellowknife.

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## About Mountain Province Diamonds

Mountain Province Diamonds is a 49% participant with De Beers Canada in the Gahcho Kué diamond mine located in Canada's Northwest Territories. The Gahcho Kué Joint Venture property consists of several kimberlites that are actively being mined, developed, and explored for future development. The Company also controls 106,202 hectares of highly prospective mineral claims and leases that surround the Gahcho Kué Joint Venture property that include an indicated mineral resource for the Kelvin kimberlite and inferred mineral resources for the Faraday kimberlites.