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Dear Elizabeth

I refer to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade request for submissions on Canada's expression of interest to join the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement.

As you are aware, BHP Billiton is the world's largest diversified natural resources company. We are among the world's top producers of major commodities, including aluminium, energy coal, metallurgical coal, copper, manganese, iron ore, uranium, nickel and silver, and we have substantial interests in oil and gas. In Canada, BHP Billiton is a producer of diamonds at the EKATI Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories. In potash, our interest is via development projects in highly prospective exploration ground largely within the province of Saskatchewan.

BHP Billiton supports efforts by the Australian Government to promote open markets for international trade. In this context BHP Billiton supports the pursuit of comprehensive and liberalising trade agreements such as the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement. Our understanding is that the Government of Canada is ready to enter Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations that are ambitious and comprehensive in coverage. As discussed, BHP Billiton supports broader membership of the Trans Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement that includes Canada.

Kind regards

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