

September 1, 2015

Mr. Alan Ehrlich Manager, Environmental Assessment Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board PO Box 938 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P1 VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Ehrlich;

<u>Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation Jay Project Environmental Assessment</u> (EA1314-01) – MVEIRB response to GNWT letter on government commitments

Thank you for the response to the GNWT's August 7, 2015 letter requesting that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) define the expected purpose and function of government commitments.

GNWT notes that MVEIRB will remove the development of an air quality regulatory framework from the table of commitments and has no further comment on this particular matter.

GNWT notes the reference in the Board's letter to commitments being related specifically to the design or operation of the proposed Jay project, or to reducing or avoiding project-specific or cumulative impacts of the Jay project. Should MVEIRB decide to include government commitments in the Jay proceedings, GNWT will seek additional clarification from MVEIRB as required.

The July 9, 2015 Review Board note to file states that the Board will update the commitments table after the public hearings. GNWT will review the revised table when it is available and will be pleased to provide comments if required.



If MVEIRB has any questions, please contact Lorraine Seale, Manager, Project Assessment Branch (<u>Lorraine Seale@gov.nt.ca</u>) or Melissa Pink, Project Assessment Analyst (<u>melissa pink@gov.nt.ca</u>).

Sincerely,

Lorraine Seale

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