



September 1, 2015

Mr. Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Executive Director
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
PO Box 938
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips;

Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation Jay Project Environmental Assessment (EA1314-01) – Participation of the Government of the Northwest Territories at Community Hearings

In response to your letter dated 21 Aug 2015, regarding the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) participation at the community hearings scheduled for Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's (DDEC) Jay Project, the GNWT provides the following information.

The GNWT is committed to continued participation in the Jay Project EA. The GNWT recognizes that community hearings provide an opportunity for the Board to gain an understanding of concerns relating to the project directly from potentially affected individuals, communities and Aboriginal organizations. GNWT has and will continue to monitor any such concerns throughout the entirety of the Board's process.

The list of GNWT representatives scheduled to attend each community hearing is below. GNWT will advise MVEIRB of any substitutions. These representatives will be available to answer questions from community members specific to departmental mandates. Staff from the Conservation, Assessment and Monitoring (CAM) Division of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) will be present at all of the community hearings and will be available to field questions directed at ENR for topics other than wildlife.

Behchokò: Simone Tielesh (Justice); Lorraine Seale and Melissa Pink (Lands); Kate Witherly (ENR-CAM); Andrea Patenaude, James Hodson (ENR-Wildlife); Nathen Richea (ENR-Waters); Deborah Archibald, Gustavo Oliveira/Dianna Beck (Industry,



Tourism and Investment (ITI)); Zachary Young (Health and Social Services (HSS)); Kelly Mahoney and possibly Andy Bevan (Education, Culture and Employment (ECE)).

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Kugluktuk: Simone Tielesh (Justice); Lorraine Seale and Melissa Pink (Lands); Kate Witherly, Monica Wendt, (ENR-CAM); Andrea Patenaude, James Hodson (ENR-Wildlife). A representative from ECE may attend.

The GNWT notes the 27 Aug 2015, letter to the Government of Nunavut Minister of the Environment, advising the GN of the community hearing in Kugluktuk. For MVEIRB's information, GNWT Lands has had an initial conversation with environmental assessment staff at the Government of Nunavut.

Should MVEIRB have any questions, please contact Lorraine Seale, Manager, Project Assessment Branch (Lorraine_Seale@gov.nt.ca) or Melissa Pink, Project Assessment Analyst (melissa_pink@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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