

EA1314-01
January 30, 2015

Richard Bargery
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Dear Mr. Bargery,

RE: EA1314-01 Jay Project, Adequacy Review item 8.3, caribou energetics modeling

The Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) met on January 26, 2105 to consider the results of the caribou protein-energy modeling technical meeting held on January 19th. This meeting addressed the requirements of item 8.3 in the Review Board's November 28, 2104 Adequacy Review document. Item 8.3 required Dominion Diamond to conduct a linked caribou energy-protein model (the "Russell model") in order to examine incremental and cumulative effects of the Jay Project on the Bathurst caribou herd.

The Review Board considered the results of the caribou technical meeting and noted that the "Russell model" was not specifically prescribed in the Review Board's *Terms of Reference* for EA1314-01. The Board further noted that the energy modeling completed by Dominion Diamond in its *Developer's Assessment Report* fulfills the basic requirements of the July 17, 2014 *Terms of Reference*. It is the Review Board's view that the caribou evidence filed by Dominion Diamond to date provides an adequate basis for more in-depth analysis and evaluation of caribou concerns by the parties in later stages of this proceeding. Item 8.3 is therefore removed from the requirements of the November 28, 2014 Adequacy Review document.

The Review Board will provide detailed Reasons for Decision for this change when it releases its Adequacy Statement to Dominion Diamond, once the remaining adequacy items have been submitted to the Board.

Please contact Chuck Hubert at 867-766-7052 or chubert@reviewboard.ca with any questions regarding the Terms of Reference.

Sincerely,



JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson