

EA1314-01
Jay-Cardinal Project
Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation

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Re: Notice of referral to environmental assessment, Jay-Cardinal Project, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation, EA1314-01

On November 21, 2013 Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) referred Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's Jay-Cardinal Project and associated land use permit and water licence applications (W2013L2-0002, W2013D0007) to environmental assessment by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). AANDC referred the proposed development to environmental assessment pursuant to paragraph 126(2)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* because it determined that the development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The proposed development includes:

- quarrying of granite rock for construction of roads and other necessary pads
- construction of roads, pads and incidental support buildings
- construction of dikes and diversions to isolate the portion of Lac du Sauvage containing the Jay and Cardinal kimberlite pipes
- drawdown of water level in the isolated portion of Lac du Sauvage to expose the Jay and Cardinal kimberlite pipes for open pit mining
- fish-out of the main body of Lac du Sauvage
- mining of the Jay and Cardinal open pits and underground workings
- placement of waste rock from the Jay and Cardinal developments
- operational management of incidental runoff water entering the isolated portion of Lac du Sauvage
- reclamation of the constructed facilities

The Review Board will conduct an environmental assessment of the proposed development. The Review Board will determine both the scope of the development and scope of the assessment and produce a draft Terms of Reference along with a Work Plan. Please browse the following website for further information on the Review Board's processes:
http://www.reviewboard.ca/review_board_101.

The Review Board will post an electronic copy of the Jay-Cardinal Project Description Report and associated applications on its public registry at <http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/>. In



the interest of an efficient process, the Review Board encourages interested parties to review the documents.

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Regards,

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