

Our File: EA1819-01

Via email: president@fortresmetis.ca

July 30, 2019

Lloyd Cardinal President Fort Resolution Métis Council

Re: FRMC intervention extension request – Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. – Depositing Processed Kimberlite in Pits and Underground

On July 29, 2019, Fort Resolution Métis Council (FRMC) wrote to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) to request a one-week extension to submit its intervention (PR#99). FRMC made this request because it is not able to meet with Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (Diavik) prior to the intervention deadline.

The Review Board has considered FRMC's request and decided not to grant an extension.

The Review Board considered the following:

- 1. FRMC did not provide sufficient details on why it believes meeting with Diavik will substantially change its intervention.
- 2. The Review Board notes that FRMC can meet with Diavik after the intervention deadline and will have the opportunity to adjust its hearing presentation based on this meeting, if relevant.
- 3. Granting the extension would require changes to the workplan that could affect the hearing dates.

If FRMC and Diavik hold a meeting to discuss or resolve issues, please provide a meeting report for inclusion on the public registry (See <u>PR#66</u> for more details).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Senior Environmental Assessment Officer Kate Mansfield or Environmental Assessment Officer Catherine Fairbairn at kmansfield@reviewboard.ca or cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca, respectively.

Sincerely,

JoAnne Deneron Chairperson