



July 10, 2019

Review Board File: EA1819-01

WLWB File: WL2015L2-0001

Mr. Sean Sinclair
Superintendent, Environment
Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI)
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Sent: Via email

Dear Mr. Sinclair,

RE: DDMI Request for Update on Coordinated Review: Depositing Processed Kimberlite in Pits and Underground

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) and Wek' èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) (collectively the Boards) acknowledge receipt of your June 19, 2019 letter asking for additional detail on coordination between the Boards.

The Review Board updated and circulated its [Work Plan](#) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) proceeding on June 28, 2019. After the public hearing (September 3-6) and closing arguments, the Review Board anticipates completion of its Report of Environmental Assessment (Report of EA) within the timeframes set out in the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). The Minister of Lands and the Responsible Ministers also work within legislated timelines for their EA decision-making process.

Once the Report of EA is published, and before a Ministerial decision is issued, the WLWB will incorporate the public record from the EA into its record for the water licence proceeding. Because of the limited scope of this EA, at this time the WLWB does not intend to require an updated water licence application package from DDMI after the final Report of EA becomes available. The WLWB believes that any information from the EA that is relevant to the WLWB's jurisdiction can be explored by Parties to the water licensing proceeding through information requests or other steps as necessary, and used in their interventions. The WLWB intends to complete this review and analysis of the EA record before a Ministerial EA decision is released.

The WLWB cannot schedule a public hearing until the Ministers' EA decision has been made. It is, however, the WLWB's intention to update its work plan, including dates for updated interventions and a public hearing, as soon as the Ministerial EA decision is available.

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Please be assured that the Boards intend to deal with these matters expeditiously and in accordance with the requirements of fairness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mr. Cliffe-Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "M".

Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Executive Director, Review Board

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Fequet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

Ryan Fequet
Executive Director, WLWB