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Hi Anneli – my apologies for not responding sooner to this request. I hope an email is adequate; if you need this in another form please let me know.

The IR's issued to Diavik on January 23 are comprehensive, and we appreciated the opportunity to review them in draft form during the Technical Sessions. We look forward to reviewing the responses, particularly those from Diavik.

The IR's cover all of the additional/supplementary information EMAB was looking for with a few exceptions where we think more specific information would be useful in making preliminary screening decisions:

- During the late morning of the first day of the Technical Sessions it was noted that it would be possible to do the feasibility study on removing slimes from the PKC earlier than presented in the proposed schedule (IR Response # 10), and to include a “fatal flaw” assessment as part of the study. We do note that this question relates to IR#10, but does not appear to have been fully captured in the second sentence of IR#10. This is an important part of preliminary screening of slimes removal from the PKC.
- One of the questions that came up at the sessions related to IR#9 was the colonization of the

benches/ramp cut into the pit walls by plants, benthic invertebrates etc that might attract fish to use lower depths in the pit ie. below 40 m. This allows an assessment of the actual depths fish might use in the pit and the potential for adverse effects due to conditions at these depths, particularly in the event of unanticipated mixing.

- Questions were raised about the risk of mixing of the pit lake waters via pit wall slope failure, and the amount of material that would have to fall in order to create the energy to cause such mixing. It was agreed by the proponent that this question needs to be addressed. Answers would provide a way to assess the risk of such mixing taking place as a result of slope failure.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to respond to this IR (#15).

Cheers

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Good afternoon,

The Information Requests (IR) resulting from last week's Technical Session for the Diavik Processed Kimberlite (PK) to Mine Workings Water Licence Amendment Application can now be reviewed using the link provided below. The thoughtful and helpful discussions and participation provided by Parties is appreciated. As outlined in the [Work Plan](#), all information requested must be submitted by February 11, 2019.

- [Information Requests](#)

While the Board's Preliminary Screening Decision will take place sometime following the submission of IR responses, there are no current changes to the Work Plan. The Pre-Hearing Conference is scheduled for 10:30am to 12:00pm on February 18, 2019 in the WLWB Yellowknife Office Boardroom. The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference is to allow Parties to better understand the public hearing process and to provide clarity on the issues that will be discussed at the Public Hearing. This meeting is typically attended, in-person or by conference call, by both the Proponent and Interveners, with their respective legal counsel. An agenda for the Pre-hearing Conference will be circulated closer to the date. Parties are also being reminded that the Public Hearing is scheduled for April 3 and 4, 2019. The location will be confirmed by the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Please do not hesitate to contact staff with any questions or comments.

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