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RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) is undertaking an environmental assessment of Diavik Diamond Mine Incorporated's (Diavik) proposal to deposit and store processed kimberlite in mine workings. The Review Board referred this development to environmental assessment under section 126(3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Under s.79 of the *Species at Risk Act*, the Review Board must notify the competent ministers if a project under assessment might affect a listed wildlife species or its critical habitat.

Based on the location of the Diavik mine, and the nature of the proposed activities, the Review Board observes that the following species listed on the *Species at Risk Act* (and others that may be determined by Environment and Climate Change Canada) might be affected by this development:

- Peregrine falcon
- Grizzly bear
- Wolverine
- Barren-ground caribou
- Short-eared Owl
- Rusty Blackbird
- Common Nighthawk
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Barn Swallow
- Horned Grebe



During this environmental assessment, the Review Board asks that Environment and Climate Change Canada assist it in determining the likelihood of adverse effects of the proposed project on these species or their critical habitats. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration during this environmental assessment.

The Review Board is seeking input from parties, including Environment and Climate Change Canada, on a proposed [Scoping Document and Workplan](#) for this EA. All relevant information for this environmental assessment can be found on the Review Board's [public registry](#).

Please direct any questions to Kate Mansfield, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at 867-766-7062 or kmansfield@reviewboard.ca, or to me at 867-766-7054 or cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca.

Sincerely,

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