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Dear Mr. Hubert

Re: Jay Project (EA1314-01) Second Round Information Requests

The Agency is submitting a number of Information Requests on the proposed Jay Project. We note that the developer, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation (DDEC), submitted five management plans that deal with monitoring and mitigation to be applied to the proposed Jay Project. The Agency has not had an opportunity to review all of these most recent submissions that were made available four days ago.

The Agency in no way wishes to delay the ongoing Environmental Assessment of the Jay Project and we have met all the deadlines set by the Review Board and responded to informal requests from DDEC and its consultants in an efficient and timely manner.

There were considerable discussions at the April 2015 Technical Sessions regarding the need for detailed management plans in relation to the proposed Jay Project. Given the limited time for the review of the recent DDEC management plan submissions and the importance of these documents, the Agency believes there should be some form of additional review beyond the current round of Information Requests that are due today. Some form of review will benefit the scoping and resolution of issues before the public hearing in September 2015.

The Agency would like to suggest a couple of options for the review of the recent DDEC management plan submissions. DDEC could hold workshops or meetings to allow for an exchange of information and reviews, and a record of these events would be submitted to the public registry. The Review Board could also allow for a focused and efficient Information Request process on these new submissions.

We look forward to an opportunity to review these recent DDEC submissions. We would be pleased to discuss these options with you, DDEC and the other parties as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.A. Ross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Society Members (DDEC, GNWT, AANDC and Aboriginal Society Members)