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Carol Norris  
Lands Administration  
Department of Lands  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
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Dear Ms. Norris

**Re: Dominion Diamond Ekati Corp. Lynx Project  
Land Lease Applications (76 D/9-10 and 76 D/9-11)**

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency has reviewed the DDEC land lease applications for the Lynx Project (waste rock pile and access road, and open pit).

In addition to any of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment requirements for associated licencing, there may be other relevant regulatory approvals that should be listed in section D of the application form, including land use permits or water licences issued by Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley. The Lynx Project has received both a water licence and land use permit as noted by DDEC.

We note that there is no completion date specified in the lease application in section G. DDEC should provide one. We also note that the application form itself does not request any information with regard to closure and reclamation planning. We recognize that closure planning of the Lynx Project may be handled by the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board through the water licence and land use permit. The Lands Department should consider adding a section to the application form dealing with this important aspect of land management.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and we would be happy to discuss them with you and others at your convenience.

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. Chiefs Edward Sangris and Ernest Betsine, Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
Chief Felix Lockhart, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation  
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Bill Enge, President, North Slave Metis Alliance  
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