



## Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

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Dr. Joe Dragon  
Deputy Minister  
Environment of Natural Resources  
Government of the Northwest Territories

Mohan Denetto  
Regional Director General  
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada  
Federal Government

Dear Dr. Dragon and Mr. Denetto,

**Re: Changes to the Ekati Environmental Agreement**

On December 6, 2016 the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) received notice of the Government of the Northwest Territories and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada intention to update the Ekati Environmental Agreement (Environmental Agreement) to reflect the change of responsibilities resulting from devolution.

The Agency has reviewed the updated versions of the Environmental Agreement received on April 11, 2017 and September 14, 2017 and believe the changes appropriately reflect the responsibilities resulting from devolution and do not materially affect the substance of the Environmental Agreement. In addition, the Agency has contacted its Aboriginal Society Members regarding the changes and no concerns were raised. Therefore, in accordance with Article 15.2 (b) of the Environmental Agreement, the Agency has by unanimous decision concurred with the changes made to the Environmental Agreement.

Should you have any questions the Agency is pleased to discuss these at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak  
Chairperson

Cc: Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation – Claudine Lee, April Hayward  
Tlicho Government – Jessica Hum  
Yellowknives Dene First Nation – Alex Power  
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Kitikmeot Inuit Association – Geoff Clark  
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