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Violet Camsell-Blondin Chair, Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board #1-4905 48th St, Yellowknife, NT X1A 3S3

Re: Cultural Camp Land Use Permit Application

Dear Mrs. Camsell-Blondin,

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) has reviewed Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's (DDEC) application to construct and maintain a Cultural Camp near Ekati Mine. The Agency does not have any specific comments on the application or the draft Land Use Permit. The Agency is encouraged with this initiative and believes that it will play an important role in increasing the collection and incorporation of Traditional Knowledge at Ekati Mine.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak

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Chairperson

Cc: Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation – April Hayward

Tlicho Government - Sjoerd van der Wielen Yellowknives Dene First Nation – Alex Power Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation – Lauren King North Slave Metis Alliance – Shin Shiga

Kitikmeot Inuit Association – Jared Ottenhof

Government of the Northwest Territories – Laurie McGregor

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Jennifer O'Neil