



Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

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Ms. JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
200 Scotia Centre
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Dear Ms. Deneron

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency is pleased to submit our Information Requests pursuant to the Environmental Assessment of the Dominion Diamond Ekati Corp. Jay Project.

The Agency has participated in environmental management and regulation of the Ekati Diamond Mine for almost 18 years. The Agency was established in 1997 through a legally-binding Environmental Agreement covering the Ekati Diamond Mine. The Agency serves as a public environmental watchdog of the regulatory process and the implementation of the Agreement by reviewing the design and results of environmental monitoring programs and management plans.

We are a non-profit society under territorial legislation with our own funding through the Agreement. We report to our society members (the Tlicho Government, Akaitcho Treaty 8 (Yellowknives Dene First Nation and Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation), North Slave Metis Alliance, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, GNWT, Canada and Dominion Diamond Ekati Corp.) and although our Directors are appointed by these members, once appointed we operate independently. Our Directors are experts in various fields such as wildlife, fisheries, water, environmental assessment and related fields. We have extensive experience with and knowledge of environmental management at the Ekati Diamond Mine. We have a mandate to participate as an intervenor in regulatory and other legal processes respecting environmental matters.

We intend to bring this experience to all stages of this environmental assessment as seen by our participation to date in the preliminary screening, review of the company's proposed terms of reference and at the Yellowknife technical scoping session. We have reviewed the Developer's Assessment Report and submitted Information Requests as directed by the Review Board through the on-line registry system. We intend to participate in Technical Sessions, prepare a Technical Report and appear at the Public

Hearing. Our Directors and staff have much beneficial experience and expertise that we would be pleased to bring forward for the Review Board and other parties.

Thanks for the opportunity to participate and we look forward to working together with your staff, the developer and other parties towards continued effective environmental management of the Ekati Mine.

Sincerely,

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

Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Agency Society Members