



INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AGENCY

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Violet Camsell-Blondin
Chair, Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board
#1-4905 48th St, Yellowknife, NT
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Dear Ms. Camsell-Blondin,

Re: Water Licence Amendment – Sable Drawdown Limits

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) has reviewed the Water Licence Amendment – Sable Drawdown Limits (Amendment) and submitted comments on January 13, 2017. In our comment letter the Agency requested that Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation (DDEC) comment on the potential risk to the receiving environment particularly the downstream lakes resulting from the increased discharge volumes. The Agency has reviewed DDEC's response and does not have any further concerns with the proposed Amendment. Therefore, the Agency will not be submitting an intervention nor do we intend to attend a Public Hearing on this Amendment. However, if the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board deems it necessary to hold a Public Hearing the Agency will likely attend.

Should you have any questions concerning these comments, the Agency would be pleased to discuss these at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak
Chairperson

Cc: DDEC – April Hayward
Tlicho Government - Sjoerd van der Wielen
Yellowknife 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