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Dear Mr. Hubert

Re: Comments on Amendments to the Jay Project (EA1314-01)

The Agency has had an opportunity to review the Dominion Diamond Ekati Corp. (DDEC) amended project description for the Jay Project and the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the ongoing Environmental Assessment.

We thank DDEC for providing the additional information. The company's proposals for changes to the Terms of Reference appear to have been done well. In our attached Comment Table (submitted via the on-line public registry system) we recommend a number of further changes to better reflect the amended project description and to ensure that there is a thorough assessment of the environmental impacts of the Jay Project. Our major concerns (alternatives, and focus on water quality, caribou and aquatic life) have been meaningfully retained.

We would be pleased to discuss these comments with you, DDEC and others to ensure a successful Environmental Assessment of the Jay Project.

Sincerely,

Bill Ross
Chairperson

cc. Society Members (DDEC, GNWT, AANDC and Aboriginal Society Members)
Stu Niven, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
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