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Re: Technical Review of the Ekati Watershed Adaptive Management Plan

Dear Mr. Nevitt

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency worked with the Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB) to hire Jacques Whitford-Axys to conduct a technical review of the Ekati Watershed Adaptive Management Plan (WAMP) and Diavik's Adaptive Management Plan.

We understand that the formal review of the WAMP was suspended on March 28, 2008 due to a number of outstanding reports. The Agency initiated the joint review with EMAB prior to the suspension and we have received the final report from the consultants. Furthermore, we know that the technical review was recently submitted by EMAB to the Diavik public registry.

In the interest of providing your Board with some timely views and perspectives regarding the WAMP, we are now submitting the attached technical review even though the formal review process is suspended. This review focused on what an adaptive management plan should contain rather than the details of the proposed thresholds and triggers as we understand there will be further opportunities for such comments. We will also be providing you with our own reviews of some of the critical documents that should feed into the WAMP, such as the Long Lake Containment Facility Water Quality Prediction Models, and the Variability Study conducted by the company.



We would be pleased to discuss this technical review of the WAMP with you and your staff, and other interested parties, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

--Original Signed By--

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