



July 3, 2015

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Attention: Chuck Hubert, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer

Dear Mr. Hubert:

Re: EA1314-01 Jay Project, Workshops on Jay Project Conceptual Management Plans (Including the Caribou Road Mitigation Plan)

On June 1, 2015, Dominion Diamond submitted five draft conceptual management plans or conceptual amendments for the Jay Project to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board:

- Wildlife Effects Monitoring Plan (includes the Caribou Road Mitigation Plan)
- Air Quality and Emissions Monitoring and Management Plan
- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program
- Wastewater and Processed Kimberlite Management Plan
- Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan

Workshops were held in Yellowknife on June 25 and 26, 2015, to provide an opportunity for reviewers to provide comments and feedback on these conceptual plans for the Jay Project. The minutes of the workshop are currently being reviewed by participants for accuracy and will then be forwarded to the MVEIRB for posting on the registry.

Dominion Diamond is in the process of considering the comments and recommendations for inclusion in the next version of these plans. Table 1 provides an overview of comments on various topics discussed during the workshops and their proposed future revision/inclusion by Dominion Diamond. The organization of Table 1 follows the workshop agenda and draft minutes of these meetings.



As agreed at the June 26, 2015 workshop, Dominion Diamond also intends to host a technical meeting on the Air Quality and Emissions Monitoring and Management Plan (AQEMMP) later in July.

Dominion Diamond is also developing engagement plans for the Air Quality and Emissions Monitoring and Management Plan (AQEMMP) and the Wildlife Effects Monitoring Plan (WEMP) to ensure appropriate engagement on these plans for the Jay Project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Bargery', is written over the printed name.

Richard Bargery

Manager, Permitting Jay Project
Dominion Diamond Corporation

Attach.

Table 1 Summary of Recommendations and Potential Revisions to the Conceptual Management Plans for the Jay Project from the June 25th and 26th Workshops

Jay Project Conceptual Management Plan or Conceptual Amendment	Plan Topic	Comment/Recommendation	Dominion Diamond Outcome/Revisions
Wildlife Effects Monitoring Plan (WEMP)	Wolf	monitoring temporal extent	update history and future proposed monitoring
	Wolverine	monitoring protocol	implement monitoring that supports cumulative effects assessment and management by the Government of the Northwest Territories
	Raptors	use of and effective deterrent types	specify that raptors are not deterred from inactive pits and effective mitigation types
	Caribou	community review caribou monitoring methods	continue to circulate WEMP reports for comments
		zone of influence monitoring	zone of influence monitoring will follow guidelines established by the Government of the Northwest Territories
	General	provide links between WEMP sections and applicable guideline documents	applicable guideline sections references will be provided
		provide mitigation hierarchical classifications	hierarchical classifications will be included in WEMP reports
		include analysis and QA/QC approach	analysis and QA/QC approach will be included
		Environmental Agreement versus WEMP objectives	species objectives will be included
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Protection Plan (WWHPP)	Habitat	adaptive management schedule	adaptive management is ongoing and may include the outcome of no change
		habitat metrics	the area and percent area of each habitat type direct disturbed by mine development will be reported
	Traditional Knowledge	mitigation triggers	clarity on which mitigation is continuous versus triggered will be included
		inclusion of muskox in WEMP	muskox will continue to be reported in the WEMP
Caribou Road Mitigation Plan (CRMP)	Mitigation	removal of wildlife carcasses	clarify when carcasses detected are moved
		speed limits	clarify that speed limits apply to all mine vehicles
		determination of 1% trigger value	determined by Environment and Natural Resources survey results
		clarity on road closures	Level 3 mitigation includes short- or long-term road closure and roads will remain closed as long as necessary for the safety of caribou
		use of convoys	road closures will be key mitigation; alternative use of pilot vehicles and convoys will be considered
	Monitoring	road monitoring by Environment staff	revision to identify that monitors will remain until caribou are no longer visible
		monitoring during periods of darkness	road closure may include night time; Dominion Diamond will consider other technologies that might permit night time monitoring

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	Reporting	report where caribou are observed along roads	map of observations will be included in annual WEMP report
		include historical traffic volume	available historical haul truck traffic will be included
		reference section of Air Quality and Emission Monitoring and Management Plan for road dust needed	reference to the applicable Air Quality and Emission Monitoring and Management Plan section will be included
		provide a table of distance thresholds used	various distance thresholds related to mitigation will be revised to provide clarity
		description of road features where caribou cross	monitoring will include a description and photos of location where caribou are observed crossing roads
		map showing caribou crossings for Jay Road	map of caribou crossings for Jay Road will be provided once road design finalized
Air Quality and Emissions Monitoring and Management Plan (AQEMMP)	Monitoring	location and number of monitoring stations	placement and number of stations will be evaluated for the AQEMMP; future engagement will allow for feedback
		collaboration with Diavik on data collection	Dominion Diamond collaboration with Diavik will be considered
	Engagement	Engagement Plan	engagement will be ongoing with feedback incorporated into subsequent versions; Engagement Plan will be developed
	General	reporting schedule	data will be reviewed annually and analyzed for trends every three years
		Action Plan trigger	Dominion Diamond will work with the Government of the Northwest Territories to develop this component, initially through holding a technical meeting in July 2015 to discuss
		Incinerator Management Plan update	Dominion Diamond is completing an update of this plan for the Ekati Mine
Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP)	Monitoring	linkages to other plans	results of AQEMMP will be considered in Ekati Mine operational management plans, road management, and Greenhouse Gas Committee
		reference lake selection	Dominion Diamond will continue to evaluate potential reference lakes for the AEMP; more information will be available for review during next version of the plan (during water licence permitting process)
		frequency or analysis and alignment with existing reporting	Dominion Diamond will work to align the integration of Jay Project requirements into the Ekati Mine AEMP
		sample site locations	Dominion Diamond will continue to develop details of monitoring plan design and will allow for feedback through the process

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		small-bodied fish monitoring	small-bodied fish studies planned to be the focus with large-bodied fish studies occurring if dictated by monitoring results; further work will be done to evaluate potential species
		sampling design	sampling design will continue to be developed; will allow for review and comment during subsequent engagement activities
Wastewater and Processed Kimberlite Management Plan (WPKMP)	Panda and Koala Pits	wastewater storage in Panda and Koala pits	provision of additional information regarding Panda and Koala pits in subsequent versions of the WPKMP during water licence permitting process
	Adaptive Management	inclusion of adaptive management in the WPKMP	Dominion Diamond will consider providing adaptive management and triggers in the WPKMP
Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan (WROMP)	Adaptive Management	inclusion of adaptive management in the WROMP	Dominion Diamond will consider providing adaptive management and triggers in the WROMP
		contingency planning for if encapsulation of the waste rock storage area (WRSA) is not effective	Dominion Diamond will consider including in the WROMP or under the ICRP
	Monitoring	thermal monitoring of the WRSA	thermal monitoring will be included, with details provided in subsequent versions of the WROMP during water licence permitting process
	Mitigation	planning considerations for wildlife use of the WRSA	wildlife use will be considered and included in detail design of the WRSA