

## **Yellowknives Dene First Nation**

P.O. Box 2514, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board #1, 4905-48th Street Yellowknife, NT, CA X1A 2P6

Dear Ms. Blondin:

Re: Ekati Engagement Plan

Thanks to Ms. Ori Wah-Shee's reminder of April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) is aware that the deadline for comments on this plan is today. We regret to say that, due to staff turnover, this plan was not transferred and has not been part of the increased review workload that we have been actively responding to.

Considering this, we ask the Wek'eezhii Renewable Resource Board to allow a delay for YKDFN to review the matter. Community engagement with one of our operating mines is critically important to YKDFN – maintaining relationships are important – and we need additional time to review this matter.

If such a delay is provided, we ask Dominion Diamonds to contact Rachel Crapeau to initiate the conversation and review. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the YKDFN Lands and Environment Department at (867) 766-3496.

Sincerely,

Chief Edward Sangris

Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah)

cc. Ori Wah-Shee, Dominion Diamonds (by email)