



**MAY 19 2016**

President Arthur Beck  
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VIA EMAIL & FAX

Dear President Beck:

**Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's Jay Project (MVEIRB file number EA1314-01)**

As you are aware, on May 19, 2016, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Minister of Lands, as the Minister with delegated authority under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and on behalf of the other responsible ministers adopted the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) recommendation that Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's (developer) proposed Jay Project be approved subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures and developer's commitments in the Review Board's *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*. The territorial responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Project are the Minister of Lands, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Minister of Health and Social Services. The federal responsible ministers with jurisdiction in relation to the Project are the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard as consolidated by the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

The GNWT thanks the Fort Resolution Métis Council (FRMC) for its participation throughout the environmental assessment of the Jay Project. The GNWT emphasizes that consultation and accommodation with respect to Aboriginal and Treaty rights do not end with the responsible ministers' decision. The Jay Project will now proceed to regulatory and other processes which will include opportunities for Aboriginal governments and organizations to offer input on authorizations and management plans and help ensure that potential adverse

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impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty rights are, as necessary, accommodated. The GNWT encourages the FRMC to participate in these processes and the developer's continuing engagement initiatives and notes the developer's April 25, 2016 letter, which reinforces their existing commitments to continuing engagement with Aboriginal governments and organizations as the Jay Project proceeds through to the regulatory phase.

The GNWT understands that the Government of Canada has also contacted the FRMC by way of a separate letter.

Thank you again for contributing to the environmental assessment.

Sincerely,



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