

EA1314-01 - Jay Project

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Dear Ms. Seale,

Re: EA1314-01 Jay Project – response to GNWT August 7 letter on commitment directed at GNWT in July 9 updated commitments table

On July 9, 2015, the Review Board compiled an updated draft commitments table for the Jay Project and posted it to the public registry. The <u>draft commitments table</u> included commitments made by Dominion Diamond as well as one commitment at the end of the document made by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

Parties were granted the opportunity to comment on the updated draft commitments table with a deadline of August 7. GNWT submitted <u>comments</u> on the draft commitments table to the Review Board on August 7. In its letter, the GNWT requested that the Review Board set out in writing the expected purpose and function of government commitments, including jurisdictional questions and a comment period for parties to the Jay Project environmental assessment.

The Review Board will remove the public commitment by the GNWT from the July 9, 2015 updated commitments table, as it does not appear to relate specifically to the design or operation of the proposed Jay project, or to reduce or avoid project-specific or cumulative impacts of the Jay project.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

If you have questions, please contact Chuck Hubert, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at the Review Board at 867 766-7052 or chubert@reviewboard.ca.

Simcerely,

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Mackenzie Valley Review Board