

EA1314-01 Jay-Cardinal Project Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation

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Re: Notice of referral to environmental assessment, Jay-Cardinal Project, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation, EA1314-01

Please be advised that on November 21, 2013 the federal department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada referred the Jay-Cardinal Project to environmental assessment, pursuant to paragraph 126(2)(a) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA). The department has determined that the proposed development might have significant adverse impacts on the environment.

In accordance with the MVRMA, the Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) will conduct an environmental assessment of the Jay-Cardinal Project. The Review Board has created a public registry for this file (EA1314-01), where all information will be held. The public registry is available online at www.reviewboard.ca/registry. Details of the assessment process are described in the Review Board's Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines, available on our website.

The Review Board will determine the scope of the development and the scope of assessment in consultation with interested parties (including Dominion Diamonds Ekati Corporation) and will provide you with further information as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions regarding our process. I can be reached at (867) 766-7052, or chubert@reviewboard.ca.

Regards,

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