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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

Re: Sable Development – Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd. – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Renewal Application for Land Use Permit – Mining Exploration - Mine Shaft – Ursula Lake, NT

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (Board) met on April 19, 2023 and considered the Application Package from Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd. (Arctic) for Land Use Permit (Permit) W2023D0002 for the Sable Development at Ursula Lake, NT (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Project has been previously subject to Part 5 of the MVRMA as outlined in a Preliminary Screening Determination dated May 13, 2016, and an Environment Assessment of the potential effects of the Sable Pit development and mining was conducted in 2001.<sup>1</sup> Arctic has not proposed changes to the Project. Accordingly, the Board has determined that the Project is exempt from preliminary screening under Part 1, Schedule 1, section 2 of the Exemption List Regulations to the MVRMA. Consequently, no further preliminary screening was conducted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See WLWB Online Registry (<u>www.wlwb.ca</u>) for <u>Ekati - Sable Development - Preliminary Screening - Temporary Camp - May 13 16</u>; and, Review Board Online Registry (<u>www.reviewboard.ca</u>) for <u>EA99-004 Reporat of Environmental Assessment.pdf</u>; and the Ministers Decision and Final Measures for <u>EA99-004 Final Ministerial Acceptance of the REA with Modifications.pdf</u>.

Please contact Ryan Fequet via <u>email</u> or at (867) 765-4589 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

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