

October 18, 2021

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Distributed by email

Dear Joseph Mackenzie,

RE: Mackenzie Valley Review Board's MVRMA Ss.126(3) Decision – Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd's Point Lake Project

On October 18, 2021, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) decided not to exercise its discretion under subsection 126(3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and **will not order an environmental assessment** of Arctic Canadian Diamond Company's (Arctic) proposed Point Lake Project on its own motion.

In making this decision, the Review Board carefully considered the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board's (WLWB) [preliminary screening decision](#) for the Point Lake Project, responses to the Review Board's information requests from both [Arctic](#) and [GNWT-Lands](#), and other relevant information available on the public record of the WLWB and the Review Board.

The Review Board will issue its reasons for decision on this determination shortly. Please post this letter to the WLWB public registry for the applicable water licence and land use permit applications.

Please feel free to contact Mark Cliffe-Phillips at mcliffephillips@reviewboard.ca or 867-766-7055 if you or your staff have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



JoAnne Deneron
Chair

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