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Ms. Claudine Lee
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. Lee:

Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation Jay Project Environmental Assessment (EA1314-01) – Response to April 25th, 2016 letter to GNWT and NPMO

On April 25, 2016, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation (DDEC) wrote to the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) in response to letters to government from the Tłıchǫ Government, Łutselk'e Dene First Nation, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, North Slave Metis Alliance, and Deninu K'ue First Nation. The GNWT thanks you for your letter and the reiterated commitments to engagement and inclusion of traditional knowledge in the Jay Project.

As you know, on May 19, 2016, the Minister of Lands, on behalf of responsible ministers with jurisdiction for the Jay Project, adopted the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's recommendation that the project be approved subject to the implementation the measures and developer's commitments recorded in the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*. On the same day, I responded to the letters from the Aboriginal governments and organizations noted above, on behalf of the GNWT. In responding to the Aboriginal governments and organizations, the GNWT considered your letter.

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The GNWT looks forward to working with Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation as the Jay Project proceeds.

Sincerely,



Terry Hall
A/Assistant Deputy Minister
Planning and Coordination
Department of Lands

- c. Matthew Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office
Mr. Chuck Hubert, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board