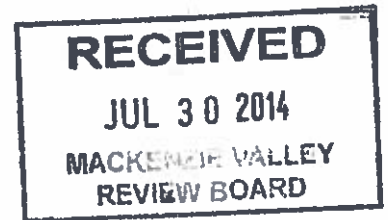




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Mr. Richard Bargery, Manager
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Dear Mr. Bargery:

Ekati Socio-Economic Agreement Application to the Jay Project

The term "Project" within the Ekati Diamond Mine Socio-Economic Agreement (SEA) between BHP Billiton Canada Inc (BHP) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) signed October 22, 1996, and assigned to Dominion Diamond Corporation (DDC) on April 8, 2013, is defined as "[...]the BHP Diamonds Project described in the Project Description Report dated December 1994 and submitted by BHP to permitting and regulatory authorities, which includes the construction, operation and maintenance of appropriate facilities and infrastructures for the development and mining of diamond ore bodies in the Claim Block."

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment requests Dominion Diamond to post confirmation on the public registry that the SEA's definition of "Project" encompasses the Jay Project (EA1314-01) currently under review by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

Sincerely,

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SIGNED
BY**

Peter Vician
Deputy Minister

- c. **Mr. Chuck Hubert**
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