

Our File: EA1314-01

December 19, 2014

## Note to File

To: Parties

**Re: EA1314-01 – Jay Project, Developer’s Assessment Report review and information request phase**

Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation (Dominion) submitted its Developer’s Assessment Report (DAR) to the Review Board on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Review Board conducted an adequacy review of the DAR. On November 28<sup>th</sup> the Review Board presented Dominion with requirements for further information. This information will enable parties to prepare meaningful and relevant information requests during the next phase of the environmental assessment.

The next step in the environmental assessment of the Jay Project is the parties’ review of the DAR and preparation of information requests by parties as well as the Review Board. Information requests and responses are conducted using the Review Board’s Online Review System located here: [Online Review System](#)

The purpose of an information request is to give parties and the Review Board the information needed to help reach conclusions about potentially significant impacts of the development on the environment and people.

Dominion has indicated to the Review Board that it will respond to the majority of the adequacy items by January 19, 2015 and that it will respond to the remaining items by February 2nd. **Parties are granted two weeks following Dominion's responses to the adequacy review requirements to submit information requests.** The timelines for the review of the DAR and preparation of information requests are as follows:

January 19, 2015 - Dominion submits responses to majority of adequacy review items  
February 2, 2015 - Dominion submits responses to remaining adequacy review items  
February 16, 2015 – Parties submit information requests using ORS  
March 31, 2014 - Dominion submits responses to information requests  
April 21-23, 2015 – tentative date for technical sessions in Yellowknife

An information request template, as well as guidance on the submission of information requests, can be found in Appendix F of the *2004 Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines* and in the attached links:

[http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/ref\\_library/IR%20Format%20Template\\_1196189823.pdf](http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/IR%20Format%20Template_1196189823.pdf)  
[http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/ref\\_library/MVE%20EIA%20Guidelines\\_1195078754.pdf](http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/MVE%20EIA%20Guidelines_1195078754.pdf)



The timing of parties' information request submissions depends, in part, on the timing of Dominion's responses to adequacy review items:

1. Please submit any information requests that do not depend on Dominion's responses prior to the due date of Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
2. The majority of Dominion's adequacy review responses will be submitted on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please submit any of your information requests that relate to these responses as soon as possible, and no later than Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
3. Parties will have an additional two weeks after Dominion's final adequacy review responses to prepare and submit the information requests that relate to those responses.

The Review Board contact for the Jay Project is:

Chuck Hubert  
Senior EA Officer  
Mackenzie Valley Review Board  
Tel (867) 766-7052  
Fax: (867) 766-7074  
Email: [chubert@reviewboard.ca](mailto:chubert@reviewboard.ca)