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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's Jay- Cardinal Environmental Assessment

We would like to provide some comments regarding the draft terms of reference for this environmental assessment.

The current Ekati mine, by our calculations, is the NWT's second largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. In light of the urgent need both globally and locally to reduce fossil fuel use, we believe that continued use of fossil fuels by this project has to be considered in the environmental assessment.

Therefore, we would like to see the terms of reference require the developer to consider ways to reduce fossil fuel use and harness alternative energy sources such as wood pellets and wind generation. Specifically, we would like the developer to address the project's impact on climate change in the Cumulative Effects section (3.3.3) and to discuss the benefits and risks of various alternative energy options in the Alternative Means of Carrying Out the Project section, (3.5).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these draft terms of reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas A. Ritchie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Ritchie
Director and Board Vice-Chair