

EA1314-01  
Jay-Cardinal Project

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Via email: [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca)

Dear Mr. Ryan Barry,

**Re: Notice of the commencement of environmental assessment EA1314-01  
Jay-Cardinal Project, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation**

Please be advised that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVRB) has begun an environmental assessment of the Jay-Cardinal Project, proposed by Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation.

As discussed with you via tele-conference, the proposed Jay-Cardinal Project is an expansion of the Ekati Diamond Mine that could extend the life of the mine by up to 20 years. The project is located entirely within the Northwest Territories near Lac de Gras at the headwaters of the Coppermine River.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Nunavut Impact Review Board and the MVRB encourages cooperation and information sharing, particularly where projects may have transboundary impacts. The MVRB wishes to notify the Nunavut Impact Review Board of this project because there may be transboundary impacts. Examples of potential impacts from the project that may have transboundary impacts include impacts to caribou and water.

As you recommended, we have advised the Kitikmeot Inuit Association of the Jay-Cardinal Project and have invited them to subscribe to our public registry and participate in the environmental assessment.

I am the project lead on behalf of the MVRB and can be reached at (867) 766-7052 or at [chubert@reviewboard.ca](mailto:chubert@reviewboard.ca) if you would like to discuss the project further.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)  
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Senior EA Officer