

EA1314-01, Jay-Cardinal Project

To:

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Via email: ec.ea.nwt@ec.gc.ca

November 29, 2013

RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*

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

On November 21, 2013 AANDC referred the Jay-Cardinal Project to environmental assessment pursuant to section 126 (2)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The Review Board has created a public registry for this file, where all information will be held. The public registry is available online at www.reviewboard.ca/registry - the file is EA1314-01, Jay-Cardinal Project, Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation.

Based on a preliminary review, the Review Board has determined that the following species may potentially be impacted by this project:

- Peregrine Falcon
- Short-eared Owl
- Rusty Blackbird
- Horned Grebe
- Barn Swallow
- Common Nighthawk
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Barn Swallow
- Grizzly Bear
- Wolverine

Based on information from the preliminary screening this proposed development may adversely affect the species listed above which have been identified as being at risk under either *SARA* or by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. The Review Board is providing this information to discharge its duties under s.79 of *SARA*, which requires



that notification be made to the appropriate responsible minister when any project could have an impact on a species at risk.

During this environmental assessment, the Review Board asks that Environment Canada assist the Review Board in determining the likelihood of adverse effects of the proposed project on the above species and/or their critical habitats. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration during this environmental assessment.

Further information regarding this environmental assessment may be obtained at the Review Board's online public registry (www.reviewboard.ca/registry) or by contacting me at chubert@reviewboard.ca or by telephone at (867) 766-7052.

Sincerely,

original signed by

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