

Our File: EA1819-01

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Deposit of Processed Kimberlite to Pits and Underground, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

Re: Notice of referral to environmental assessment

Please be advised that on February 19, 2019, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Board) decided on its own motion, pursuant to subsection 126 (3) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), to conduct an environmental assessment on Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.'s proposed changes to processed kimberlite containment. The following documents are attached:

- The Board's Reasons for Decision on the EA referral
- A joint letter from the Board and the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board
- A draft scoping document and draft workplan

The Review Board will determine the final scope of development and scope of assessment in consultation with interested parties and the developer.

The Review Board has created a public registry for this file (EA1819-01), where all information will be held. The public registry is available online at www.reviewboard.ca/registry. Details of the assessment process are described in the Board's Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines, available at the website.

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