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Dear Ms. Deneron and Mr. Mackenzie:

**Subject: DDMI Request for an Update on the MVEIRB-WLWB Coordinated Review of the Processed Kimberlite to Mine Workings Proposal**

Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) respectfully requests that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) and the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) provide an update on the MVEIRB-WLWB Coordinated Process for the Environmental Assessment (MVEIRB File: EA1819-01) and the Water Licence Amendment (WLWB File: WL2015L2-0001) for DDMI's Processed Kimberlite to Mine Workings Proposal (the Project) as referenced in the joint letter issued by the Boards in February 2019<sup>1</sup>.

DDMI is encouraged by the Boards' commitment to working closely in a coordinated manner through the development and implementation of a joint workplan to carry out timely, efficient, and effective processes and expectation that the processes will be finished by the end of 2019<sup>1</sup>. Recently DDMI has received clarification on specifics of the MVEIRB Review process<sup>2</sup> but nothing further with regard to the coordinated process with the WLWB.

DDMI requests that the Boards provide clarification on the coordinated process framework to be implemented as part of the public review of the Project, including details of the level of coordination between the MVEIRB Review process and the WLWB's consideration of the Water Licence Amendment Application. DDMI is of the opinion that a detailed coordinated process framework, which includes timing for involvement of the WLWB in the

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<sup>1</sup> Joint letter from MVEIRB and WLWB Re EA and Licensing Coordination, February 26, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Environmental Assessment 1819-01 Updated Workplan, April 18, 2019.

ongoing public review, will provide clarity to parties and DDMI regarding the procedural aspects of the review and will enable the anticipated timely, efficient, and effective process.

DDMI wishes to thank the Boards for their consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or Kofi Boa-Antwi (867 447 3001 or [kofi.boa-antwi@riotinto.com](mailto:kofi.boa-antwi@riotinto.com)) if you have any questions related to this letter.

Sincerely,



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