

15 January 2018

Mavis Cli-Michaud, Chair
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
700 – 4922 48 Street
P.O. Box 2130
Yellowknife, NT
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RE: MV2012C0009 - Request for 2 Year Extension to Land Use Permit

Dear Ms. Cli-Michaud:

Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (Dominion) submits this request for a two (2) year extension to the Land Use Permit (LUP) MV2012C0009, as the LUP is due to expire on March 6, 2018. Dominion would like to continue mineral exploration, fuel storage, use of vehicles, operation of a camp, and associated abandonment and reclamation activities in the Lac de Gras area. All equipment used and operations undertaken will be as described in the scope of LUP MV2012C0009. Conditions as set out in the LUP will continue to be abided by.

LUP MV2012C0009 has been in place since March 2013. Activities conducted under this LUP in the past five years include the following:

- Construction of a 20-man base camp (constructed and maintained by Aurora Geosciences of Yellowknife) from which to undertake exploration activities in the region;
- Exploration program (2013-2014) which consisted of a regional, property wide till sampling program utilizing a portable, waterless Reverse Circulation (RC) drill rig;
- Extensive review (2016) of historical work and of the 2013 work was undertaken to highlight areas of further interest. Part of the central portion of the property was surveyed using helicopter borne magnetic and electromagnetic (EM) survey techniques; and
- In 2017 the results from the 2016 data review and the airborne geophysical survey highlighted 20 anomalous areas which required more detailed investigation. A program of ground geophysical follow-up surveys using gravity, magnetic and EM techniques was then completed to define suitable targets for drilling. In addition, the remainder of the southern part of the property was flown with airborne geophysics (magnetic and EM) to complete the required data set over the property.

The last five years of activities conducted in the Lac de Gras area have culminated into defined exploration programs consisting of 20 targets for drilling, as well as, the selection of another 20 targets for ground geophysics follow-up in 2018. The drilling program will utilize a helicopter-portable RC drill rig, which will result in minimal disturbance to the ground and surrounding areas. Should kimberlite be intersected, then a Heli-portable coring rig will be used to further



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define the newly discovered kimberlite. Geophysical anomalies will be followed up with helicopter supported ground surveys.

Engagement related to this extension request has been conducted and this information is attached. Dominion continually engages with communities and others and has a number of ways in which ongoing engagement occurs including formal statutory consultation (ex: IBA meetings with leadership from each of the Ekati Mine Impact Benefit Agreement groups) to less-structured proponent consultation (ex: site-based activities wherein leadership, elders and youth are invited to visit the Ekati Mine for site visits or to take part in the environmental monitoring programs). Further details on Dominion's engagement policies and activities can be found in the approved Ekati Mine Engagement Plan¹.

Dominion trusts that the information provided meets the requirements for a 2-year extension request for LUP MV2012C0009. Please contact the undersigned at (403) 910-1933 extension 2401 or claudine.lee@ddcorp.ca or Lynn Boettger (867) 766-6914, email lynn.boettger@ddcorp.ca, should you have any questions pertaining to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudine Lee".

Claudine Lee
Head - Environment
Dominion Diamond Holdings ULC

cc. Clint Ambrose, North Slave Regional Office – GNWT – Department of Lands

Attachment

¹ See WLWB online public registry at [W2012L2-0001-Ekati-Engagement Plan-Version 3.0-May 13 16.pdf](#). Note that version 4.0 of this plan is currently out for public review and comment.

MV2012C0009 – Request for Two Year Land Use Permit Extension - Engagement Summary

- Letter of Notification sent to parties (i.e. Distribution List) on December 14, 2017 informing them of intent to seek a two year extension to LUP MV2012C0009. Asked for comments and questions to be submitted by January 10, 2018.
- No comments were received.
- Follow up email sent seeking confirmation that the original request was received. One group, the NSMA, confirmed receipt of the email from December 14, 2017.
- At the time of submission of this extension request no other comments were received.

Boettger, Lynn

From: Ballantyne, Nicholas
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Boettger, Lynn
Subject: FW: Follow Up: MV2012C0009 Extension Request Notification – Request for Input

Fyi.

From: Nicole Goodman [mailto:Nicole.goodman@nsma.net]
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Ballantyne, Nicholas <Nicholas.Ballantyne@ddcorp.ca>
Subject: RE: Follow Up: MV2012C0009 Extension Request Notification – Request for Input

Hi Nick,

Confirming receipt, thanks

Nicole

From: Ballantyne, Nicholas [mailto:Nicholas.Ballantyne@ddcorp.ca]
Sent: January 11, 2018 3:11 PM
To: screeningofficer@eastarm.com; clifforddaniels@tlichocom; sao@behchoko.ca; sao@gameti.org; alfonznitsiza@tlichocom; sao@whati.ca; lands@denenation.com; admin@dkfn.ca; ima@dkfn.ca; patricksimon777@yahoo.ca; fieldworker.frnc53@northwestel.net; frmc@northwestel.net; frmcenvironment@northwestel.net; fortsmithmetiscouncil@northwestel.net; Carolc.lands@gmail.com; hrmc@northwestel.net; landsnresources@katlodeeche.com; dirlands@kitia.ca; chief.lkdfn@gmail.com; lkdfnlands@gmail.com; sonyaalmond@gmail.com; Gary.Woo@neb-one.gc.ca; NSMA Office <general@nsma.net>; Joanne Taylor <joanne.taylor@nsma.net>; Shin Shiga <shin.shiga@nsma.net>; president.nwtmn@northwestel.net; rcc.nwtmn@northwestel.net; ceo.srfn@northwestel.net; chief.srfn@northwestel.net; chief@slfn196.com; Nicole Goodman <Nicole.goodman@nsma.net>
Cc: Lee, Claudine A <Claudine.Lee@ddcorp.ca>; Hayward, April <April.Hayward@ddcorp.ca>; Mackle, Ada <Ada.Mackle@ddcorp.ca>; Boettger, Lynn <Lynn.Boettger@ddcorp.ca>
Subject: Follow Up: MV2012C0009 Extension Request Notification – Request for Input

Hello All,

I am following up on the attached letter, originally sent on Dec. 14th, 2017, to ensure that it was received by all parties. At your earliest convenience will you please respond confirming whether or not the letter has been received? Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,
Nick

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From: Ballantyne, Nicholas

Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 1:27 PM

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Subject: re: MV2012C0009 Extension Request Notification – Request for Input

Hello All,

Please see the attached letter sent on behalf of Claudine Lee.

Regards,
Nick

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14 December, 2017

Re: MV2012C0009 – Notification of Submission of 2 Year Extension Request

In the coming weeks, Dominion Diamond Holdings ULC (DDH) will be submitting a request for a two (2) year extension to Land Use Permit (LUP) MV2012C0009 from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB). LUP MV2012C0009 allows for mineral exploration, fuel storage, use of vehicles, operation of a camp, and associated abandonment and reclamation in the Lac de Gras area. The expiration date of this LUP is currently March 6, 2018.

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This 5 years of work has culminated in the definition of 20 targets for drilling as well as the selection of a further 20 targets for ground geophysics follow-up in 2018. The drilling will take place using a heli-portable RC drill rig which will result in minimal disturbance to the ground. Should kimberlite be intersected then a heli-portable coring rig will be used to further define the newly discovered kimberlite. Geophysical anomalies will be followed up with helicopter supported ground surveys.

A 2 year extension to Land Use Permit MV2012C0009 is therefore requested in order to continue this exploration work program. All equipment used and operations undertaken will be as described in the scope of LUP MV2012C0009. Conditions as set out in the LUP will be abided by.



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As part of the extension request DDH is seeking your input. Please submit any comments, questions, or concerns you may have regarding the upcoming submission of this extension request by **January 10, 2018** to Nick Ballantyne at 867-669-6150 or Nicholas.Ballantyne@ddcorp.ca, or to myself at 403-910-1933 extension 2401 or Claudine.Lee@ddcorp.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claudine Lee".

Head - Environment

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