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Staff Report

Applicant: Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited	
Location: Lac de Gras area, NT	Application: MV2012C0009
Date Prepared: February 8, 2018	Meeting Date: February 22, 2018
Subject: Extension and Name Change to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (formerly Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited)	

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Report is to present the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB/Board) with:

- 1) A request to extend Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2012C0009 for an additional two years, submitted by Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited to continue mineral exploration near Lac de Gras, NT; and
- 2) Notification that Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited has changed its name to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC.

2. Background

- March 7, 2013 – Issuance of Permit MV2012C0009;
- January 15, 2018 – Extension request and notification of name change received;
- January 16, 2018 – Extension request distributed for review;
- February 1, 2018 – Reviewer comments due and received;
- February 8, 2018 – Proponent responses due (none received);
- **February 22, 2018 – Extension request and name change notification presented to the Board; and**
- March 6, 2018 – Expiry of Permit MV2012C0009.

3. Discussion

On March 7, 2013, the Board issued Permit MV2012C0009 to Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited for mineral exploration including geochemical and geoscience surveys, diamond drilling and reverse circulation drilling programs, fuel storage, equipment storage, use of vehicles, operation of a camp, and associated closure and reclamation.

On January 15, 2018, a request for a two-year extension to Permit MV2012C0009 was submitted to the Board, accompanied by a notification of name change, from Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited

to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (attached). This included several certificates of the amalgamation of the companies and registration with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Corporate Registries Office.

4. Comments

Subsection 26(6) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR) states that the Board may extend the term of a permit for an additional period not exceeding two years, upon written request from the permittee prior to the expiration of the permit. As this extension request was received prior to the expiration of the Permit, it is compliant with the MVLUR, and can be considered by the Board.

Name changes do not require Board approval, however, new cover pages and conditions reflecting the change need to be issued.

5. Reviewer Comments

By February 1, 2018, comments and recommendation on the extension request were received from one reviewer, GNWT – Lands, indicating they have no concerns with the extension being granted. Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited responded by the February 8, 2018 deadline.

6. Security

The GNWT current holds \$75,000.00 held in security for Permit MV2012C0009 (attached).

7. Conclusion

Board staff conclude that no concerns associated with granting the requested extension to Permit MV2012C0009 were identified during this review.

Board staff have not identified any concerns associated with this name change.

Board staff have included a draft cover page and conditions for the Board's consideration. The conditions have not been changed since the initial issuance of the Permit.

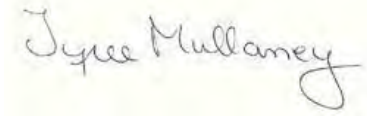
8. Recommendation

- a) Board staff **recommend the Board make a motion to approve** the two-year extension to Land Use Permit MV2012C0009 as requested by Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited.
- b) Board staff **recommend the Board acknowledge the name change** and that Land Use Permit MV2012C0009 be updated to reflect the change from Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC.

9. Attachments

- [Name Change Notification from Dominion Diamond Holdings Limited](#)
- [GNWT Acknowledgement of Security Deposit](#)
- Review Summary Table
- Draft Land Use Permit Cover Page
- Draft Land Use Permit Conditions
- Draft Letter from the Board

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tyree Mullaney". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Tyree Mullaney
Regulatory Specialist

Review Comment Table

Board:	MVLWB
Review Item:	Dominion Diamond Holdings Ltd. - Extension Request & Name Change - MV2012C0009
File(s):	MV2012C0009
Proponent:	Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation
Document(s):	Name Change Documents (287.8 kB) Extension Request (1020.0 kB)
Item For Review Distributed On:	Jan 16 at 14:34 Distribution List
Reviewer Comments Due By:	Feb 1, 2018
Proponent Responses Due By:	Feb 8, 2018
Item Description:	<p>Dominion Diamond Holdings Ltd. (DDHL) has submitted a request to extend Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2012C00009 for a term of two years. DDHL is requesting to continue operating under their existing Permit. No new activities are being requested.</p> <p>DDHL has also provided notification that their name has changed to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC, effective as of December 21, 2017. Documents have been submitted and are attached to this review for your information.</p> <p>All documents that have been uploaded to this review are also available on our public registry. If you have any questions or comments about the Online Review System or this review, please contact Board staff identified below.</p> <p>Tyree Mullaney</p>
General Reviewer Information:	<p>The following organizations have received the notification via Fax:</p> <p>Fort Resolution Métis Council Trudy King (867)394-3322; Fieldworker.frnc53@northwestel.net;</p> <p>Hay River Metis Council Trevor Beck President (867)874-4472; hrmc@northwestel.net;</p> <p>NWT Metis Nation Tim Heron NWTMN IMA Coordinator (867)872-3586; rcc.nwtmn@northwestel.net;</p>
Contact Information:	Jen Potten 867-766-7468 Tyree Mullaney 867-766-7464

Comment Summary

GNWT - Lands: Clint Ambrose				
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response	Board Staff Analysis
1	Extension Request	<p>Comment The Extension Request has been reviewed.</p> <p>Recommendation The Inspector supports a 2 year extension being granted to the land use permit by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.</p>	<p>Feb 2: Dominion acknowledges this comment. Thank you for your support in this request.</p>	Noted.



February 1, 2018

Tyree Mullaney
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB)
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Dear Ms. Mullaney:

LUP No.: MV2012C0009 – Dominion Diamond Holdings Ltd.
Extension Request

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) reviewed the request for a two-year extension to Land Use Permit MV2012C0009 and recommends that the extension be granted.

On January 17, 2018, our Inspector provided his comments supporting a two (2) year extension.

The GNWT- Department of Lands acknowledges the company name change from Dominion Diamond Holdings Ltd. to Dominion Diamond Mines ULC. Our office will be contacting the company in regards to current securities posted under their land use permits as amendments to those securities will be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this request. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our comments, please contact our Inspector, Clint Ambrose, at (867) 767-9188.

Sincerely,

Scott Stewart
Regional Superintendent
North Slave Region

c. North Slave Region (Yellowknife), Department of Lands, GNWT

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