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Joseph Mackenzie
Chair
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
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RE: W2012L2-0001 – Proponent Responses to Review Comments for Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 3.0, Requirement for Revised Response Date

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Dominion Diamond Mines ULC (Dominion) has conducted a thorough review of the comments that were received on March 7, 2019 for the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 3.0 (ICRP Version 3.0). Dominion's responses are currently due on April 4, 2019 as set by Board staff following an extension of time granted for Reviewers.

There are a significant number of questions and comments received from Reviewers on the ICRP Version 3.0 (over 200). The majority of these comments and recommendations will require coordination with external consultants and with other Dominion staff members. As you are aware, there are a number of standard annual reports to submit at this time of year including the Water Licence/Environmental Agreement Annual Report, the 2018 Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program Report, and the Annual Seepage Report. There are also many other ongoing submissions that Dominion is working on as part of the Water Licence and various land use permits as well as for the Government of the Northwest Territories, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and various other regulators at this time. Many of the Dominion technical team have overlapping priorities/responsibilities and are involved in both the ICRP Version 3.0 as well as these various other projects and submissions.

Dominion has commenced the development of responses. However, as there are more than 200 comments to address and due to the present reporting workload, the current due date of April 4, 2019 is unachievable for the development, review, and submission of carefully considered and well prepared responses that will provide value to the ICRP Version 3.0 process. Dominion requires more time to complete this task. A more reasonable and achievable proponent response due date is July 5, 2019. Therefore, Dominion requests that the Board grant an extension for submission of proponent responses until July 5, 2019.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at lynn.boettger@ddcorp.ca or (867)766-6914 or Lukas Novy, Acting Superintendent Environment at lukas.novy@ddcorp.ca or (403)910-1933 ext. 2407.

Sincerely,

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