



July 29, 2020

Ms. Claudine Lee  
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Dear Ms. Lee:

**Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board – Dominion Diamond Mines ULC – Ekati  
Mine Type “A” Water Licence W2012L2-0001 – Security Deposit Acceptance –  
Surety Bond Rider 5**

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The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) formally acknowledges receipt of an original surety bond amendment (rider 5) dated July 6, 2020 for the amount of \$117,566,204.00 or a decrease of \$13,306,639.00, which was issued by AVIVA Insurance Company of Canada on behalf of Dominion Diamond Mines ULC. On July 15, 2020, the noted surety bond amendment was received by ENR.

Currently, GNWT-ENR holds \$260,568,843.00 in security deposits for the noted Type “A” Water Licence, which are in the form of two standby letters of credit (\$3,067,000.00) and two surety bonds (\$257,501,843.00). The security deposit amendment is further described in Attachment 1 – Summary Table.

The security deposit is required under Part C, Item 1 and Schedule 2, Item 1. A (security adjustment 8) of the Water Licence. The security deposit is acceptable to the GNWT as prescribed by Section 35. (1) of the *Waters Act* and Section 11. (3) of the *Waters Regulations*.

The security deposit amendment is held in safekeeping by the Assistant Comptroller General and Superintendent of Insurance, Department of Finance.

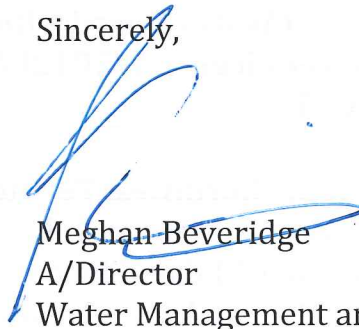
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If you have any further comments or questions, please contact Mr. Rick Walbourne, Acting Manager, Water Regulatory at (867) 767-9234, extension 53113 or [Rick.Walbourne@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Rick.Walbourne@gov.nt.ca) or Mr. David Jessiman, Water Management Advisor, (867) 767-9234, extension 53114 or [David.Jessiman@gov.nt.ca](mailto:David.Jessiman@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



Meghan Beveridge  
A/Director  
Water Management and Monitoring

Attachment

- C. Ms. Huili Li  
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Corporate Controller
  
- Ms. Chervahun Emilien  
Department of Finance  
Assistant Comptroller General and Superintendent of Insurance
  
- Mr. Scott Stewart  
Department of Lands  
Regional Superintendent
  
- Mr. Chris Hotson  
Wek'èezhù Land and Water Board  
A/Executive Director

**Attachment 1 – Summary Table:**

**Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board  
Dominion Diamond Mines ULC - Ekati Mine**

**1. Type A Water Licence W2012L2-0001  
Acceptance of Security Deposit**

**a). Buffer Zone – Lynx Development**

	<b>Water Licence</b>	<b>ILOC No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	W2012L2-0001	Bank of Nova Scotia No. OSB14355GWS	April 17, 2015	\$ 2,795,537.00
2.	W2012L2-0001	Bank of Nova Scotia No. OSB14355GWS Amendment 1 (increase by \$3,401,463.00)	October 5, 2015	\$6,197,000.00
3.	W2012L2-0001	Bank of Nova Scotia No. OSB14355GWS Amendment 2 (decrease by \$3,351,395.00)	July 21, 2016	\$2,845,605.00
4.	W2012L2-0001	Bank of Nova Scotia No. OSB14355GWS Amendment 3 (corporate name change only)	April 16, 2019	\$2,845,605.00

**b). Core Zone – Sable Development**

	<b>Water Licence</b>	<b>ILOC No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	W2012L2-0001	Bank of Nova Scotia No. OSB27102GWS	July 21, 2016	\$221,395.00
2.	W2012L2-0001	Bank of Nova Scotia No. OSB27102GWS Amendment 1 (corporate name change only)	April 16, 2019	\$221,395.00

c). Ekati Mine

	<b>Water Licence</b>	<b>Surety Bond No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	W2012L2-0001	Aviva Insurance Company of Canada No. # 25006-14	November 3, 2014	\$64,736,500.00
2.	W2012L2-0001	Aviva Insurance Company of Canada No. # 25006-14, Surety rider number 1, (Amendment 1) (increased by \$6,619,843.00)	August 14, 2017	\$71,356,343.00
3.	W2012L2-0001	Aviva Insurance Company of Canada No. # 25006-14, Surety rider number 2, (Amendment 2) (increased by \$56,736,500.00)	October 31, 2017	\$128,092,843.00
4.	W2012L2-0001	Aviva Insurance Company of Canada No. # 25006-14, Surety rider number 3, (Amendment 3) (corporate name change only)	June 13, 2018	\$128,092,843.00
5.	W2012L2-0001	Aviva Insurance Company of Canada No. # 25006-14, Surety rider number 4, (Amendment 4) (corporate name change and increased by \$2,780,000.00)	April 8, 2019	\$130,872,843.00
6.	W2012L2-0001	Aviva Insurance Company of Canada No. # 25006-14, Surety rider number 5, (Amendment 5) (decreased by \$13,306,639.00)	July 6, 2020	\$117,566,204.00

	<b>Water Licence</b>	<b>Security Bond No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1.	W2012L2-0001	Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. No. 6341868	November 3, 2014	\$132,000,000.00
2.	W2012L2-0001	Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. No. 6341868, surety bond rider 1, (Amendment 1) (increased by \$7,935,639.00)	February 28, 2018	\$139,935,639.00
3.	W2012L2-0001	Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. No. 6341868, surety bond rider 2, (Amendment 2) (corporate name change only)	April 16, 2019	\$139,935,639.00