Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Subject: DDMI Land Use Permit W2012T0001 – West Island Fish Habitat Compensation Works Final Plan and Calculation of Land Use Fees

In accordance with section 29 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) is submitting this letter as the Final Plan and Determination of Land Use Fee for Land Use Permit W2012T0001, which expired on February 28, 2019. This Land Use Permit covered fish habitat compensation works on West Island and the adjacent shoreline of Lac de Gras at coordinates:

Min. Lat. 64° 31’ 33” N; Min. Long. 100° 25’ 54” W
Max. Lat. 64° 31’ 46” N; Max. Long. 110° 26’ 20” W.

Final Plan
The purpose of this Land Use Permit was to support activities under direction from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) – Fisheries Authorization SC980001 – to compensate for the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction (HADD) of fish habitat on the West Island of Lac de Gras, which occurred as a direct result of the construction of the Diavik mine.

The compensation works under W2012T0001 began in 2011 with construction activities. Demobilization of equipment, fuel storage facilities, and associated structures were completed by the end of 2012. Post-construction monitoring was conducted for two (2) years from 2013 to 2014, and final clean-up and restoration activities have been completed. The site has been unoccupied since the completion of the project and natural rehabilitation/restoration is ongoing. As per the approved design, the only items which remain on site are structures established for fish habitat compensation.

Determination of Land Use Fee
According to our records, the following payment was submitted with the Land Use Permit Application in 2011: Type A Application Fee: $150.00 (which includes up to 2 hectares [ha] of land use).
Given that the actual land use area (1.90 ha) for the West Island Fish Habitat Compensation Works is below the land use area threshold (2 ha) authorized in Land Use Permit W2012T0001, DDMI is of the opinion that the payment made with the permit application in 2011 was appropriate and recommends that no further payment or refund be required.

We trust that the information provided above is sufficient to meet the requirements of sections 29 and 31 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations.

Thank you in advance for considering our request, and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions related to this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments:
Land User Permit W2012T0001 Final Plan Map
Land User Permit W2012T0001 Final Plan GIS Data
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