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Joseph Mackenzie, Chair
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Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Subject: DDMI Request for Extension Re A21 DSR Report

Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) kindly requests that the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board's (WLWB or the Board) extend the submission deadline for the Dam Safety Review (DSR) Report and Implementation Plan for the A21 Dike, a requirement of Part H, Items 24 and 25 of the Diavik Water Licence (W2015L2-0001), from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

DDMI was not able to undertake the DSR for the A21 Dike in 2020 because, in line with the 5-year review cycle in the Dam Safety Guidelines (2007, updated in 2013) published by the Canadian Dam Association, DDMI had anticipated completing the first DSR for the A21 dike five (5) years after dike construction, which was only completed in September 2018. Hence, to meet requirements of the Diavik Water Licence, DDMI is requesting an extension to the deadline for the submission to the Board of the A21 Dike DSR to December 31, 2021, which is three (3) years after completion of the dike i.e. a higher review frequency than recommended in the Dam Safety Guidelines.

DDMI notes that, before construction of the A21 Dike, we obtained support from the Diavik Geotechnical Review Board (DGRB) on the Final A21 Dike Design Report. This report was submitted to the WLWB in fulfilment of Part F, Item 15 of the Water Licence. Subsequent to this, the A21 Construction Records Report (Geotechnical Engineering Report) was submitted to the WLWB in December 2018 as per Part F, Item 19 of the Water Licence.

On completion of the DSR for the A21 Dike in 2021, DDMI will submit the associated DSR Report and Implementation Plan to the WLWB as was done in 2019 for the A418 and A154 dikes and the Processed Kimberlite Containment Facility dams. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this request.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kofi Boa-Antwi', written in a cursive style.

Kofi Boa-Antwi
Superintendent, Environment

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