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Dear Ms. DeFrancis,

Re:  Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI)  
Water Licence Amendment Application – W2015L2-0001  
A21 Underground  
Closing Arguments

The following submission outlines the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Natural Resources’ (ENR) submission for closing arguments related to Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI)’s application to amend Water Licence W2015L2-0001 to allow for underground mining of the A21 kimberlite pipe.

ENR provided initial comments on this application on December 19, 2019 and responses were provided by DDMI on January 9, 2020. ENR also participated in a Technical Session on March 3, 2020, with its technical consultant Zajdlik and Associates Inc., where no Information Requests were recorded by the Board.

On April 17, 2020, ENR submitted one (1) recommendation as part of our Technical Intervention regarding continuation of groundwater monitoring in order to characterize future trends of water quality. In response, DDMI committed to ongoing groundwater monitoring and reporting as part of the current monthly SNP reports to satisfy ENR’s recommendation.

In addition, ENR provided one (1) recommendation on the draft Water Licence on a condition that reflects DDMI’s commitment to the ENR’s Technical Intervention recommendation. In response, DDMI has indicated that they accept the draft condition recommended by ENR.

As such, ENR has no further recommendations or arguments regarding the A21 Underground Amendment application.
Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53096 or email patrick_clancy@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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