Ms. Rita Mueller  
Chair of Proceeding  
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board  
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Dear Ms. Mueller:

Ministerial Decision - Proposed Amendments to Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc.'s Type “A” Water Licence W2015L2-0001-Diavik Mine


The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (the Board) has requested clarification regarding the Minister’s Decision under subsection 47(3) of the Waters Act to not approve the amended water licence.

The manner in which this process is carried out is within the Board’s discretion. My interpretation is consistent with what you described in option #2 in your letter. The proceeding which led to the final draft licence is not terminated. If DDMI wishes to pursue the amendment to Type “A” Water Licence W2015L2-0001, they do not need to reapply. The Board may re-open the record and resume its process in an attempt to resolve the concerns that were outlined in my Decision letter of June 24, 2015. Upon completion of that process, the Board may submit a revised licence for my consideration pursuant to subsection 47(2) of the Waters Act.

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I urge the Board to create an efficient process in order to minimize further delays.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Wally Schumann
Minister
Environment and Natural Resources

c. Mr. Ryan Fequet
Executive Director, Wek’èezhii Land and Water Board