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Joseph Mackenzie, Chair
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
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Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

Subject: DDMI Notification of Ponded Water Against PKC Dam

On May 24, 2019, Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) notified the Government of Northwest Territories Lands Inspector (Inspector) that the DDMI Geotechnical Team had identified ponded surface water against the eastern section of the dam associated with the Processed Kimberlite Containment (PKC) Facility during a routine inspection on May 22, 2019. The surface pond is due to snow melting during spring thaw and is approximately 150 meters (m) long and 2 m deep. The ponded surface water is against the Phase 6 Dam raise and is not in contact with the main PKC Facility Pond. This type of water ponding is expected during annual snow melt. Temporary accumulation of water against the dam was approved by the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB) on 15 May 2018.

Based on experience with similar events at the PKC Facility in spring/summer of previous years, DDMI expects that this water will naturally recede within the next 2 weeks. DDMI will update the Inspector as the situation progresses. A summary of this event will be included in the Annual Dam Safety Inspection of the PKC Facility.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Yours sincerely,



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Superintendent, Environment

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