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21 July 2016

Re: PKC Annual Inspection – Compliance Date Modification Request

Under Water License W2015L2-0001 Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) is required to conduct annual geotechnical inspections of the Processed Kimberlite Containment (PKC) Facility. Part H Item 21(f) states:

an inspection of the Processed Kimberlite Containment Facility shall be carried out annually in July by a Geotechnical Engineer. The Engineer’s Report shall be submitted to the Board within ninety (90) days of the inspection, including a covering letter from the Licensee outlining an Implementation Plan for addressing each of the Engineer’s recommendations.

Yesterday we were advised that due to necessary, but unanticipated, changes to A21 construction manpower, there is an immediate need to reschedule any non-essential site visits. Golder Associates, who is the Engineer of Record for the PKC Facility, was scheduled to conduct the inspection next week. In consultation with Golder we have been advised that there is no engineering or geotechnical reason why the inspection could not be in August rather than July. We understand that July was specified as this is when the inspections are usually done.

Part B Item 10 gives the Board discretion to modify compliance dates:

The Surveillance Network Program, Schedules, and compliance dates specified in the Licence may be modified at the discretion of the Board.

DDMI is requesting that the inspection date for the PKC Facility be modified from “July” to “August” in Part H Item 21(f). The modification is requested only for 2016. DDMI intends to return to July inspection in 2017.

DDMI will submit the Engineer’s Report within 90 days of the inspection (as per Part H Item 21(f)). This would mean a report submission in late November 2016 rather than late October 2016. Please advise if this later submission date would impact on Board review schedules. If this is the case we will work with Golder and Board Staff to see if an earlier submission date is possible.
We appreciate your timely consideration in this matter and your understanding as we manage this busy site construction period.

Regards,

[Signature]

David Wells, Superintendent Environment

cc Ryan Fequet (WLWB)