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Dear Ms. Camsell-Blondin:

Subject: A21 WRMP Addendum – DDMI Response to Directive #4

On 13 December 2017, the Wek’èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB or ‘the Board’) issued the Reasons for Decision from their 24 November 2017 meeting that included a requirement for Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) to:

“4. Inform the Board within 2 weeks in writing whether the company plans to submit a security estimate for the south WRSA (Waste Rock Storage Area). If not, provide verification that the liability associated with the south WRSA will not exceed the current security deposit.”

Based on the review comments received to date on the Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 4 (CRP V4), which included an updated RECLAIM estimate, DDMI anticipates that further updates to the RECLAIM estimate will be required following review and approval of the CRP V4. DDMI will include a revised security estimate that is inclusive of the South WRSA at such time. The only additional planned cost will be for partial re-sloping of the South WRSA to provide for a caribou ramp; the unit rate for this work would be the same as what was used for the North WRSA.

In the interim DDMI notes that the security estimate for the North WRSA has not been reduced to account for re-sloping work completed in the fall of 2017. To date, the North WRSA re-slope exceeds the amount that may be required for future work on the South WRSA. Thus, this difference ensures that the additional liability for the South WRSA does not exceed the total security posted.

DDMI believes that the above information meets the requirements of the WLWB’s RFD and looks forward to receiving confirmation of this from the Board.
Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the undersigned at 867-669-6500 ext. 5536 or david.wells@riotinto.com.

Yours sincerely,

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