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## **Kennady North Project Type A Land Use Permit and Type B Water Licence Applications**

Dear Mr. Hotson,

Kennady Diamonds Inc. (KDI) is filing an application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) to renew the Kennady North Advanced Exploration Project (AEP) Water Licence (MV2013L2-0005) and, because the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations prohibit the extension of Land Use Permits beyond a term of seven years, to replace the existing AEP Type A Land Use Permit (MV2016C0030) with a new Type A Land Use Permit. KDI is also requesting an amendment to MV2013L2-0005 to include the areas which are currently separately permitted and licenced under KDI's Regional Exploration Project (REP) Water Licence (MV2022L2-0007) and Land Use Permit (MV2022C0019). This amalgamation would result in single set of authorisations that will cover the entirety of the Kennady North Project (KNP; the Project).

In short, KDI seeks to have a single Type B Water Licence (i.e., MV2013L2-0005) and a single Type A Land Use Permit that will cover all the infrastructure, equipment, and activities that are currently associated with MV2013L2-0015 and MV2016C0030 but extended to the land associated with the REP (under MV2022C0019 and MV2022L2-007). KDI is also requesting that the term of MV2013L2-0005 be renewed for an additional seven years from the end of the current term (i.e., to February 26th, 2031) to align with a 5 year land use permit with anticipated 2 year extension. It is expected that the scope of the new Land Use Permit and renewed/amended Water Licence would encompass the existing Land Use Permits and Water Licences and that MV2016C0030, MV2022C0019, and MV2022L2-0007 would be closed out.

The amendment that is being requested is strictly administrative in nature: The total amount of water required for the Project will not exceed the shared maximum amount currently authorized by KDI's Type B Water Licences MV2013L2-0005 and MV2022L2-0007 (i.e. 299 m<sup>3</sup>/day). Moreover, the KNP scope, infrastructure, equipment, fuel, and activities will remain the same as currently approved under the AEP; no additional infrastructure, equipment, fuel or activities are being requested beyond those already approved under the AEP. The consolidation of the existing licences and permits under a single Kennady North Project will result in a reduction in cumulatively approved quantities of fuel, equipment, and infrastructure which are currently authorized across the two projects (AEP + REP) and will reduce overall administrative burden on all parties.

The KNP is believed to be exempt from preliminary screening as the Project scope is the same as that which has previously been screened. Applicable screenings include:

- MV2008C0021, Nov. 7, 2008;
- MV2012C0010, Jun.7, 2012;
- MV2013C0023, MV2013L2-0005, Feb. 27, 2014;

- MV2013L2-0005, MV2016C0030, Dec. 19, 2016.

As part of this application, the following information has been filed with the MVLWB:

- Application form, Water Licence – Non-Federal;
- Application form, Land Use Permit;
- Proof of Registration/Incorporation (Certificate of Corporate Registration);
- Project Description (including maps);
- GIS Data (Shapefiles);
- Proof of Interest/Access (Claims and Leases);
- Engagement Plan (including Engagement Record);
- Waste Management Plan (including off-site disposal agreement);
- Spill Contingency Plan;
- Wildlife, Archaeological and Environmental Awareness Plan;
- Water Management Plan;
- Rock Management Plan;
- Closure and Reclamation Plan;
- Closure Cost Estimate Summary; and
- Financial Information.

Application fees and a water use fee have been mailed to the MVLWB.

### **Engagement**

KDI regularly engages with potentially affected and interested parties in accordance with its existing MVLWB-approved Engagement Plan (Version 4.0) for the AEP and REP. KDI has been fortunate to have met with each indigenous group identified in our Engagement Plan to discuss this application, and has included in this submission a summary of those conversations and all other recent communications as an update to KDI's Engagement Plan (Version 5.0).

### **Closing**

KDI thanks the MVLWB and all reviewers for their time and consideration of these applications. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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