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Mark Nelson and Nicole Goodman
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Sent by email

Dear Mark Nelson and Nicole Goodman,

Re: Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. – Extension Request for Closure AEMP Design Plan – Approved – Mining and Milling – Lac de Gras, NT

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (Board) met on September 25, 2024, and considered the request to extend the submission deadline of the Closure Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) Design Plan submitted by Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) on September 5, 2024.¹

Originally, the Board required this updated AEMP Design Plan to be submitted within six months of Issuance of the amended Licence. Although Parties provided recommendations for the AEMP Design Plan through the Amendment proceeding, the Board determined that it was premature to approve the document at Licence Issuance because a concurrent review under the Final Closure and Reclamation Plan (FCRP) was ongoing and additional information may be obtained as a result of that review.² The Board also recommended that an AEMP workshop be conducted to provide DDMI and Parties with an opportunity to discuss outstanding concerns in a less formal setting.³ The Board issued the Reasons for Decision for the FCRP in July 2024, which was later than anticipated due to the volume of information the Board had to consider. In addition, there was also a delay in scheduling the closure-related workshop; two workshops are now set to take place in October and December 2024. In the Reasons for Decision for the

¹ See the Online Registry for [Diavik - AEMP - Closure Design Plan - Extension Request - Sep 5 24.pdf](#).

² See the Online Registry for [Diavik - WL Amendment - Decommissioning - RFD and Recommendation to the Minister - Mar 19 24.pdf](#); p. 107.

³ See the Online Registry for [Diavik - WL Amendment - Decommissioning - RFD and Recommendation to the Minister - Mar 19 24.pdf](#); p. 107.

FCRP, the Board acknowledged that a facilitated workshop to allow discussion in a less formal setting was still recommended and noted that the submission deadline for the updated AEMP Design Plan may need to be extended to accommodate this.

On September 5, 2024, DDMI submitted a request to extend the submission deadline of the Closure AEMP Design Plan from September 15, 2024, to April 15, 2025. DDMI's request provided the following rationale in support of the extension:

The Closure AEMP Design Plan is interconnected with the FCRP and the upcoming Closure Water Quality Workshops can inform the AEMP Closure Design. DDMI would like to highlight that it has a Board approved transitional AEMP program in place for the 2024 and 2025 AEMP sessions⁴

In consideration that the Board already identified that a delay in the AEMP Design Plan submission may be necessary, this extension request was not circulated for public review. The Board is of the opinion that the requested extension is reasonable in consideration of the upcoming closure-related workshops and linkage between the AEMP and FCRP. Therefore, the Board approves the extension request for the submission deadline of the Closure AEMP Design Plan.

Please direct questions or concerns regarding this letter to Ryan Fequet in writing.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Diavik Distribution List

⁴ See WLWB Online Registry for [Diavik - AEMP - Closure Design Plan - Extension Request - Sep 5 24.pdf](#).