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Re: CRP Version 4.1 RECLAIM Engagement with GNWT

The Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB or Board) directed Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) on September 17, 2019 with regard to the WLWB requirements for an engagement process with the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT) prior to submission of the RECLAIM estimate for interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (CRP) Version 4.1. More specifically, Attachment #1, Item 3, Step 2 requires DDMI to inform the Board whether consensus was reached so that if consensus was not reached the GNWT can submit to the WLWB a proposed security estimate by December 5, 2019 (Step 3).

DDMI and the GNWT have been engaged in productive reviews and discussions of DDMI's updated RECLAIM estimate. Discussion began in March 2019 with a first draft RECLAIM model provided to the GNWT on November 1, 2019. Subsequent meetings and direct exchanges of information have assisted in aligning views on the estimate. In a meeting today (November 29, 2019) with the GNWT, it was agreed that a consensus prior to the December 17, 2019 CRP Version 4.1 submission was unlikely.

While we will continue to work with the GNWT on the RECLAIM estimate, we wanted to inform the Board that a consensus is unlikely.

As per the WLWB directed process, DDMI will provide its RECLAIM estimate with CRP Version 4.1, consider the estimate the GNWT submits on December 5, 2019 and provide its rationale for any differences.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gord Macdonald', with a horizontal line underneath.

Regards,

Gord Macdonald
Diavik Closure Manager

cc: Bill Pain – GNWT
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