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June 20, 2024

Dear Mr. Heron,

Subject: Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI) Notification of Early Works at Pond 2

DDMI would like to notify you of its intention to conduct early works at the Pond 2A and 2B locations in advance of the planned Decommissioning (i.e., breach) of Collection Pond 2 dam scheduled for August 2024. These works will begin in June and will include drilling and blasting of the road (constructed of Type I waste rock) that runs parallel to the Collection Pond 2 dam (Figures 1 and 2). After drilling and blasting, DDMI will excavate the waste rock, visually verify it as Type I, and will place it within the pond for future use as grading material.

To be abundantly clear – DDMI is not breaching Pond 2. These early work activities are required ahead of the breaching of Collection Pond 2 because of the short summer construction season and the large volume of materials to be excavated to complete the trafficable portions of the excavations at the Collection Pond 2A and 2B breaches. Decommissioning of Collection Pond 2 will be carried out in accordance with the newly amended Water Licence Conditions.

The Engineer of Record (WSP Canada Inc.) has indicated that these activities will not impede the integrity of the Collection Pond 2 dam or its ability to function.

Should you require further information or clarification on the above noted early works, please feel free to contact the undersigned or Kyla Gray (kyla.gray@riotinto.com; 867-445-4922).

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 1 Location of Pond 2A early works (yellow extent).

