



Northwest
Territories Minister of Environment and Natural Resources

Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin
Chair
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
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Dear Ms. Camsell-Blondin: *Violet*

Diavik Diamond Mine (2012) Inc. – Type A Water Licence Renewal – W2015L2-0001

Thank you for your letter dated September 2, 2015, regarding the renewal of Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc.'s Type "A" Water Licence W2015L2-0001, associated with mining and milling activities at the Diavik Mine.

I note that the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (the Board) has included a condition regarding the posting of reclamation security within 90 days of the Board providing notification of a revised amount. Consistent with previous Ministerial decisions, I must again inform the Board that this condition does not place a requirement on the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources to accept a form of security within that timeframe.

I will continue to take the necessary time required to ensure that any form of security provided under a water licence is in an acceptable form, as per the *Waters Act* and associated regulations. Should this process require longer than 90 days, the Board will be notified in advance, so that the Board can take any action required to modify the compliance date.

With the above in mind, I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the water licence renewal as recommended by the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,


J. Michael Miltenberger

Enclosure

- c. Ryan Fequet
Executive Director, Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board





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Pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and Regulations, the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to:

Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc.
(Licensee)

of P.O. Box 2498 Suite 300, 5201-50th Avenue, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8
(Mailing Address)

Hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water and deposit Waste subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in the *Waters Act* and Regulations and in accordance with the conditions specified in this Licence.

Licence Number: W2015L2-0001 (Formerly W2007L2-0003, MV2005L2-0009, N7L2-1645)

Licence Type: A

Water Management Area: NORTHWEST TERRITORIES 05

Location: LAC DE GRAS, NT

Purpose: WATER USE AND WASTE DISPOSAL

Description: DIAMOND MINING AND MILLING


Quantity of water **not to be exceeded**: SEE PART D, ITEM 2


Effective Date of Licence: _____

Term of Licence: 8 YEARS

Expiry Date of Licence: _____

This Licence issued and recorded at Yellowknife includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.
Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board:


Witness


Chair

APPROVED BY:


Minister of Environment and Natural Resources

