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To: DDMI Distribution List

RE: Participation of WLWB Chair Violet Camsell-Blondin in Board Matters Related to Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB or the Board) is involved on an ongoing basis in matters related to the regulation of land and water use and the deposit of waste into water associated with the mining operations of Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (DDMI). Violet Camsell-Blondin is the Chairperson of the WLWB. Ms. Camsell-Blondin has an immediate family member who is an employee of DDMI.

Over the past several months Ms. Camsell-Blondin and the Board have managed risks associated with conflict of interest and apprehension of bias by having the Chairperson recuse herself from DDMI matters which require a Board decision. This approach has caused some operational difficulties for the Board.

On the advice of Board Counsel Ms. Camsell-Blondin has had no conversations or interaction with her immediate family member on any matters related to DDMI, DDMI operations, or Board business. In the opinion of the Board, and considering the context and circumstances in Wek'èezhìi, this arrangement should by itself be sufficient to avoid problems with conflict of interest and apprehension of bias.

The intention is for Ms. Camsell-Blondin to resume acting on all DDMI matters. The Board, however, wishes to invite comments from members of the DDMI distribution list on the sufficiency of this arrangement to avoid risks associated with conflict or bias. The WLWB would like to hear whether any participants in DDMI matters have concerns with this proposal. Please write to the Executive Director of the WLWB before 5:00pm MST on December 11, 2017 if you have any comments.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Fequet", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ryan Fequet
Executive Director WLWB