



**Wek'èezhii**  
Land and Water Board

## Transmittal Sheet

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To: Michelle Desjarlais-Morris From: Jessica Pacunayer  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 15, 2016

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Re: Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation CC: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Use Permit Application Fee

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For Review

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1. Cheque #90000037
2. General Receipt C148424
3. Copy of Receipt Report
4. Cash Blotter Sheet
5. Copy of Cover Letter



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**148424**

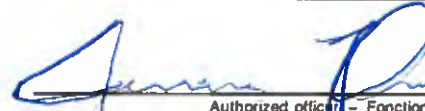
GENERAL RECEIPT  
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Date <u>April 14, 2016</u>	Nature and no. of remittance - Forme et n° de la remise <u>cheque #90000037</u>	Invoice no. - N° de facture	Location - Endroit <u>WLWB - YK office</u>
Received the sum of - Reçu la somme de <u>One Hundred Fifty</u> <del>_____</del> <sup>**</sup> / 100 Dollars \$			

From - De  
( Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation )  
#1102, 4920 - 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
XIA 3T1

For - Pour  
W2016D0003 Land Use  
Application Fee

  
Authorized official - Fonctionnaire autorisé  
1-640-0061-06851-9544-0341-4511

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## RECEIPT REPORT

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Cheques must be made payable to Receiver General of Canada

Company Name: Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation

File Number (WL or LUP): W20160003

Purpose of Payment: <i>(mark with an x)</i>	Payment Amount: <i>(for those marked with an x)</i>	Receipt Number: <i>(include the 'C')</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Land Use Permit Application	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>C148424</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> New Water License Application	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Fees	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Use Fees	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Deposit	_____	_____

Form of Payment: *(mark with an x)*

Cheque (Number 90000037)

Cash

Money Order (Number \_\_\_\_\_)

Letter of Credit

Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: April 14, 2016





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CASH BLOTTER

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Date	Name and Address of Remitter Nom et adresse de l'envoyeur	Type of Valuable Type de valeur	Identifying Number N° d'identification	Value Valeur	Date of Covering Letter Lettre d'accompagnement en date du	Reference Number N° de référence	Clerk's Initials Initiales du commis	Deliver to Livrer à	Messenger's Initials Initiales du messenger	Received Reçu
April 15, 2016	Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation	cheque	#9 00000 37	\$ 150. <sup>00</sup>	March 30, 2016	C148424	P	AANDC		

March 30, 2016

Violet Camsell-Blondin - Chair  
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board  
#1, 4905 – 48th Street  
Yellowknife, NT  
X1A 3S3

Dear Ms. Camsell-Blondin

**Re: New Land Use Permit Application for Activities at Sable Pit**

Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation (DDEC) is pleased to submit the attached Land Use Permit (LUP) application for the continuation of development and mining related activities at Sable Pit. These activities were previously permitted under LUP W2008D007<sup>1</sup> and prior to that LUP MV2001X0071<sup>2</sup> as well as in corresponding Water Licences<sup>3</sup>. The Sable kimberlite pipe is located beneath Sable Lake approximately 15 kilometres north of the existing Panda Pit at the Ekati mine site.

This submission consists of the following documents:

1. Cover Letter
2. Land Use Permit Application Form
3. Application Fee (\$150.00)
4. Certificate of Compliance
5. Mapping (Map 1 – Previously Proposed and Updated Project Footprints, Map 2 – Proposed Site Layout)
6. Engagement Record
7. GIS Data

The Sable project was subject to a full Environmental Assessment conducted by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) which was completed in February of 2001<sup>4</sup>. The Sable Pit development has been continuously permitted since 2002 although no development related activities have occurred or been planned for the

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/WLWB/SitePages/search.aspx?app=W2008D0007>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/WLWB/SitePages/search.aspx?app=MV2001X0071>

<sup>3</sup> Originally, there was a separate Water Licence for the Sable, Pigeon, and Beartooth developments (MV2001L2-0008). In 2009, the terms and conditions to operate the entire mine development, including Sable, Pigeon, and Beartooth, were incorporated into an amended licence numbered W2009L2-0001. This licence has since undergone a renewal process and is currently numbered W2012L2-0001.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project\\_document/EA99-04\\_Report\\_of\\_Environmental\\_Assessment\\_1305582420.pdf](http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA99-04_Report_of_Environmental_Assessment_1305582420.pdf)

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project. In September of 2015, DDEC made a decision to proceed with the development of Sable Pit. Due in part to the passage of time since the original permitting for this project, a re-examination of the development plans and engineering is currently being conducted. This provides for opportunities to optimize and improve upon the overall project design and thus further assist in minimizing environmental impacts. The current proposed footprint of the development and site layout can be seen in the attached Map. The scope of the Sable Pit development and associated activities remains the same as previously assessed and permitted.

An addition to the application is the erection of a temporary on-the-land camp to be used for Sable Lake and Two Rock Lake fish salvage activities<sup>5</sup> and as a Cultural Camp. Details on the temporary camp can be found in the attached permit application. At present, the exact coordinates of the location for the temporary camp are unknown, but it will be within the area between Sable Lake and Two Rock Lake, which is inside the footprint of the future Sable development (see Map 2). The location of the camp will be determined based on engagement with aboriginal communities. A site investigation will be conducted later this spring to determine the best location for the on-the-land camp. This will assist in finding the flattest ground and an area that is approximately equidistant between Sable Lake and Two Rock Lake. Coordinates and relevant mapping for the on-the-land camp will be provided to the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB or the Board) when available and prior to the set-up of the temporary camp.

### **Request for Exemption from Preliminary Screening**

DDEC is seeking the Board's ruling on the exemption of this application (excluding the temporary on-the-land camp) from the preliminary screening provision of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). This request is made pursuant to Schedule 1 (Section 2), Part 1 paragraph 2 of the *Exemption List Regulations* pursuant to subsection 143(1) of the MVRMA which states:

A development, or a part thereof, for which renewal of a permit, licence or authorization is requested that

- (a) has not been modified; and
- (b) has fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act or the Environmental Assessment Review Process Guidelines Order.

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<sup>5</sup> A fish-out of Sable and Two-Rock lakes previously occurred over a two year period starting in 2001. Phase 1 was conducted on Sable Lake between August 21 and 30, 2001 and completed from August 23 to 31, 2002. In Two-Rock Lake, the Phase 1 portion of the Fish-out was conducted from August 19 to August 30, 2001 and completed from August 15 to September 8, 2002.



DDEC respectfully submits that this development (excluding the temporary on-the-land camp), previously permitted under MV2001X0071 and W2008D007, has not been modified. The purpose, activities, location, and scope of the development remain the same as that presented in BHP Diamonds Inc. 2000 *Sable Pigeon-Beartooth Environmental Assessment Report*<sup>6</sup> which was fully reviewed and approved by the MVEIRB in 2001<sup>7</sup>, thus fulfilling the requirements of the MVRMA (Part 5). The purpose, activities, location, and scope of the development also remain the same as that presented in the *Sable, Pigeon and Beartooth Kimberlite Pipes Development Description* (authored by BHP Billiton and dated March 2008).<sup>8</sup>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request please contact the undersigned at (867) 669-6116.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Claudine Lee'.

Claudine Lee, M.Sc., P.Geol.  
Head of Environment and Communities  
Claudine.lee@ekati.ddcorp.ca

CC: Marty Sanderson, GNWT

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<sup>6</sup> This report is not available on line. The Ekati Mine Site was previously owned by BHP Diamonds.

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project\\_document/EA99-04\\_Report\\_of\\_Environmental\\_Assessment\\_1305582420.pdf](http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA99-04_Report_of_Environmental_Assessment_1305582420.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/WLWB/Registry/2001/MV2001L2-0008/Renewal/app/W2008D0007%20-%20BHP%20-%20LUP%20Renewal%20Application%20-%20Development%20Description%20-%20Mar%2031\\_08.pdf](http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/WLWB/Registry/2001/MV2001L2-0008/Renewal/app/W2008D0007%20-%20BHP%20-%20LUP%20Renewal%20Application%20-%20Development%20Description%20-%20Mar%2031_08.pdf). Refer to Pages 12-16.

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