



November 10th 2017

**Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation
#900 - 4920 52nd Street
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3T1**

**LUP W2016D0003
Lease 76D/15-4-4**

Atten: Lynn Boettger, Team Leader – Environmental Permitting

RE: Notification of Extension to Sable Infrastructure Pad

Dear Ms. Boettger:

This letter is in response to the request submitted by Dominion on November 10, 2017 seeking authorization to extend the infrastructure pad located on Land Use Permit W2016D0003 and surface lease 76D/15-4-4.

I have reviewed the information and Sable Infrastructure Pad sketch submitted by Dominion and Land Lease 76D/15-4-4 and have determined the work to be completed falls within the lease boundary. The pad to be constructed also falls within the boundaries identified in the original application for the Sable Land Use Permit W2016D0003.

Authorization is hereby granted to proceed with the construction of the Sable Infrastructure Pad extension as outlined in the submitted request and sketch. This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

- Dominion must ensure that the pad extension is entirely within the lease boundaries described in Land Lease 76D/15-4-4 and the boundaries established in the original application for Land Use Permit W2016D0003.
- The new pad extension must be constructed of clean granite material only.
- After construction is complete Dominion must include the area of land disturbance associated with this development in the 2017 Ekati Mine Site Annual Report reflecting the additional footprint of impacted tundra in hectares.
- The pad must be reclaimed according to standards set out in the approved mine closure and reclamation plan.

Trusting this is satisfactory. If you have any questions or concerns about this decision, please contact the Inspector at (867)-767-9187 ext: 24186.

Sincerely,



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