

Review Comment Table

Board:	WLWB
Review Item:	Ekati - Water Licence Renewal - Draft Water Licence (W2020L2-0004)
File(s):	W2020L2-0004
Proponent:	Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd.
Document(s):	Ekati - Water Licence Renewal - Draft Water Licence - Mar 15 21 (1743 KB)
Item For Review Distributed On:	Mar 15 at 15:35 Distribution List
Reviewer Comments Due By:	Mar 30, 2021
Proponent Responses Due By:	Apr 6, 2021
Item Description:	<p>This draft Water Licence has been developed by Board staff to allow reviewers to comment on possible conditions. These draft materials are not intended to limit, in any way, the scope of reviewers' comments.</p> <p>The Board is not bound by the contents of the draft Licence and will make its decision at the close of the proceeding on the basis of all the evidence and arguments filed by all parties.</p> <p>Using the Online Review System (ORS), reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations on the documents linked below by the review comment deadline specified. Please clearly indicate which condition you are commenting on.</p> <p>All documents that have been uploaded to this review are also available on our public Registry. If you have any questions or comments about the ORS or this review, please contact Board staff identified below.</p> <p>Please note that according to the Work Plan for this proceeding, Closing Statements are due with comments and responses on the Draft Water Licence. Parties are requested to upload any Closing Statements here as a general file when they submit their comments or responses.</p>
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Comment Summary

Environment and Climate Change Canada: Jennifer Sabourin			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	General	Comment ECCC has no comments at this time. Recommendation N/A	Mar 30: Acknowledged
Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Nicholas Wasilik			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	Ekati - Water Licence Renewal - Draft Water Licence (W2020L2-0004)	Comment Fisheries and Oceans Canada has reviewed the document and has no comments. Recommendation Fisheries and Oceans Canada has no recommendations.	Mar 31: Acknowledged
GNWT - ENR - EAM (Environmental Assessment and Monitoring): Central Email GNWT			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	General File	Comment (doc) ENR Letter with Comments Recommendation	
GNWT - Lands - North Slave Region: Jamie Steele			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	Draft Water Licence	Comment The Inspector has reviewed and has no concerns with the draft water licence W2020L2-0004. Recommendation None	Mar 30: Acknowledged
Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency: Marc Casas			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	General File	Comment (doc) Agency comments on Draft Water Licence Recommendation	
North Slave Metis Alliance: Adelaide Mufandaedza			
ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	General File	Comment NSMA has no comments at this time. Recommendation N/A 	Mar 31: Acknowledged
Tlicho Government: Brett Wheler			

ID	Topic	Reviewer Comment/Recommendation	Proponent Response
1	TG comments	Comment Tlich Government provided comments and a letter earlier in this proceeding. Recommendation We have no further comments.	Mar 31: Acknowledged



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March 29, 2021

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Re: Water Licence Renewal – Draft Water Licence

Dear Mr. Joseph Mackenzie,

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) has reviewed the draft Water Licence circulated by the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB). The Agency noted that the only changes were the proposed change to term and a few administrative changes to the Surveillance Network Program. Therefore, the Agency does not have any concerns with the draft water licence.

Should you have any questions concerning these comments, the Agency is pleased to discuss these at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jaida Ohokannoak
Chairperson

Cc: Dominion Diamond– Harry O'Keefe, Sheila Chernys
Tłı̨chǫ Government – Violet Camsell-Blondin
Yellowknives Dene First Nation – Sarah Gillis
Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation – Glen Guthrie
North Slave Metis Alliance – Adelaide Mufandaedza, Jessica Hurtubise
Kitikmeot Inuit Association – Geoff Clark
Government of the Northwest Territories – LeeAnn Malley, Laurie McGregor
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Michael Roesch



March 30, 2021

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Dear Mr. Mackenzie,

**Re: Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd.
Type A Water Licence Amendment/Renewal Application - W2020L2-0004
GNWT - ENR Draft Water Licence Comments and Closing Arguments
Request for Comment**

The following submission outlines the Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (ENR) submission for closing arguments related to Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd.'s (Arctic) application for a twenty-six (26) month renewal to the term of its Water Licence W2020L2-0004 (renewal of W2012L2-0001) with no other proposed changes to the existing Water Licence.

ENR provided one recommendation on this application on January 12, 2021 and responses were provided by ACDCL on January 26, 2021.

On February 17, 2021, ENR submitted to the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board notice as part of the Technical Intervention submittals regarding our one recommendation for an updated site-wide security estimate. ENR is willing to work with Arctic on updating the estimate as part of the closure planning process that is occurring concurrently. As such, ENR did not have any recommendations that were submitted as part of a Technical Intervention.

In addition, ENR has reviewed the Draft Water Licence based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Waters Act* and has no comments or recommendations.

As such, ENR has no further recommendations or arguments regarding the Ekati Water Licence Term Renewal application.

Comments and recommendations were provided by ENR technical experts in the Water Monitoring and Management Division and were coordinated and collated by

the Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Section (EAM), Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change Division.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at (867) 767-9233 Ext: 53096 or email patrick_clancy@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Clancy', written in a cursive style.

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