

October 1, 2021

Mr. Joseph Mackenzie  
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**Re: Updated Response to Information Request #50 Resulting from Ekati Diamond Mine Technical Workshop - Point Lake Project – Type A Water Licence Amendment and Type A Land Use Permits Applications (W2020L2-0004, W2021X0004, and W2021D0005)**

Arctic is pleased to provide this updated response to Information Request (IR) #50.

***IR #50 for Arctic:***

*What measures protective of indigenous culture from the Jay Project will Arctic carry forward to the Point Lake Project? Will Arctic develop novel measures to mitigate impacts to culture? Will Arctic develop novel measures to mitigate impacts to community well-being beyond existing IBAs and the Socioeconomic Agreement with GNWT? If new measures can be developed, what is the method proposed to further investigate impacts to culture and community-wellbeing and develop new measures?*

Arctic's initial response on September 17, 2021 was as follows:

*Arctic has received a request from the MVEIRB to review and list all of the Measures from the Environmental Assessment of the Jay Project to identify those that Arctic has proposed to carry forward for the Point Lake Project. This deliverable is due to the MVEIRB on September 24 and will include those EA Measures that relate to Indigenous culture and community well-being. Arctic will also circulate that response to the WLWB such that this IR will be addressed and circulated therein.*

Arctic is pleased to update its response as follows:

The Jay Project Environmental Assessment measure that directly relates to IR#50 is measure 13-2, as follows:

***13-2: Engagement on Cultural Impacts***

*In order to evaluate and, through adaptive management, improve the effectiveness of Dominion's mitigation of cultural impacts, Dominion will:*



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- a) *engage with Aboriginal groups that participated in the environmental assessment to identify cultural impacts, including cumulative impacts, from the Jay Project;*
- b) *seek the input of those Aboriginal groups on ways to strengthen Dominion's cultural impact mitigation initiatives; and,*
- c) *report annually to those Aboriginal groups on the effectiveness of Dominion's efforts to mitigate cultural impacts.*

Arctic has been actively building relationships with Indigenous Governments and Organizations that has and will continue to include engagement on identifying and mitigating potential cultural impacts on a site-wide basis. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the previous owner of the Ekati Diamond Mine entering into the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* process, community engagement activities were generally restricted during 2020. Arctic is committed to engaging with Indigenous Governments and Organizations to restart programs such as the Traditional Knowledge Elders Group, provide funding for traditional knowledge projects, and bring community members to the Ekati Mine for site tours once it is safe to do so. Arctic considers this commitment to be in effect and applicable on a site-wide basis, including the Point Lake Project. Arctic's intent is that projects focused on community and cultural well-being would be identified through those engagements.

Sincerely,

For, Dustin Chaffee, Regulatory Applications Manager