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Hi Rhiana/Anneli,

The Tłı̨chǫ Government (TG) has reviewed the work plan associated with this renewal application which was distributed on November 8, 2022. We currently do not see any conflict with TG's calendar. We will keep the Board posted in the event that something changes within our calendar, because 2023 is already looking busy for TG

Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

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On behalf of Ms. Violet Camsell-Blondin, Manager Lands Regulation.



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To: [Anneli Jokela](#); [Rhiana Bams](#)
Cc: [Laura Malone](#)
Subject: ENR's comments on the draft work plan for W2022L2-0001 (Ekati Renewal)
Date: November 17, 2022 4:09:27 PM

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Hello Anneli and Rhiana,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft work plan for the Ekati Water Licence Renewal Application (W2022L2-0001). ENR has the following two comments on the draft work plan:

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Comment:

The pre-hearing conference is significantly more effective in planning for the public hearing if it occurs after interventions are submitted, and closer to the hearing date. This allows parties to have a better sense of their main issues of concern, and therefore a better sense of how long they will need to present their recommendations.

Recommendation:

ENR recommends that the pre-hearing conference be held after interventions are submitted, and as close to the hearing as possible, rather than 2 months before the hearing.

Topic: Technical Session Timing

Comment:

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Please contact GNWT_EA@gov.nt.ca and copy Laura Malone (copied on this email) if you have any questions.

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
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Hello Rhiana and Anneli,

I am responding to the email below regarding the proposed work plan for the Ekati WL renewal application. The Agency is requesting that additional time be given for the Deadline for Comments on Application Package. The current deadline is for December 15, the Agency is requesting that the deadline be **extended until December 22** to allow for thorough review and consideration of all documents.

Thanks you,

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Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

Project Name: Ekati

Proponent Name: Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd.

File Number: W2022L2-0001

Item Description

Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd. (the Applicant) has submitted a complete

renewal application for a type A water licence. The purpose of this Application is to conduct Mining and Milling activities for the Ekati Diamond mine at Lac de Gras. New or additional use of water from Upper Exeter Lake, Ursula Lake, Lac de Gras, and Lac du Sauvage is being proposed for addition to the scope of the Licence. An underwater remote mining trial at Lynx Pit is also being proposed in this renewal. With its Application, Arctic provided a Draft Renewal Licence with tracked changes and an update of the 2022 Koala Watershed Water Quality Model.

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. Reviewers may also wish to consider providing an overarching recommendation regarding whether the Board should approve the Application, to provide context for the comments and recommendations and assist the Board with its decision. Notices of intent to file a claim for water compensation must also be submitted by the review comment deadline. If reviewers seek clarification on the Application, they are encouraged to correspond directly with the Applicant prior to submitting comments and recommendations.

Preliminary Screening (Part 5 of the MVRMA): Under the Preliminary Screening Requirement Regulations, the Board must conduct a preliminary screening for a proposed development, unless it is exempt from preliminary screening in accordance with the Exemption List Regulations. The Applicant has put forth rationale for why it believes some of the components in its Application are exempt from Preliminary Screening. Reviewers are encouraged to provide comments and recommendations (e.g., on impacts and mitigation measures) to assist with the Board's preliminary screening determination. In addition, reviewers should identify whether they disagree with any of the potential exemptions identified by Arctic and indicate why they disagree. The Board's [most recent preliminary screening determination](#) for this Project is available on our public Registry.

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