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RE: Diavik Diamond Project - 2012 Environmental Agreement Annual Report

Dear Laurie,

After reviewing the revised 2012 Environmental Agreement Annual Report (EAAR), the Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board (EMAB) is of the opinion that the revised report does not satisfy the conditions of the Environmental Agreement (EA).

The purpose of the EAAR is to publish one document that comprehensively describes the environmental monitoring programs undertaken for the review period. In several sections of the current draft, DDMI provides a list of supporting documents and/or a list of website links and a brief description. There is no comprehensive discussion of the various environmental programs, no discussion of the data that was gathered throughout the review period.

A comprehensive EA, similar to those published in the previous two years are very good examples of adequate reporting. It negates the need for community members to wade through very large detailed reports that may be in different locations.

In addition, there are some required items listed in the EA that are not included in the current version of the EAAR, including:

- a) a comprehensive summary of operational activities for the next year
- b) determination of effectiveness of mitigative measures
- c) a comprehensive summary of all adaptive management measures taken

As the EMAB is currently undergoing significant staffing and leadership changes, an opportunity presents itself in the coming new year. The EMAB would

welcome an opportunity to discuss any changes to the EAAR with any of the interested parties $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left(1\right) +\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

Sincerely,

Arnold Enge Chair

Cc EMAB members (by email)