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RE: 120911 2BE-PIX0510 Application for Cancellation – Ashton Mining – Kitikmeot Region

Stornoway Diamond Corp. has submitted to the Nunavut Water Board an application for the cancellation of water license 2BE-PIX0510 for the Pix Project. The water license was issued to Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stornoway Diamond Corp.

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the above-mentioned request and has no objections to the cancellation of the license so long as the proponent has met all abandonment and restoration obligations as laid out in Part I of the water license and the site meets Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada inspection approval. If there are any changes in the project EC should be notified as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca

Regards,

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