



October 17, 2025

Mr. Mason Mantla
Chair – Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
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Dear Mr. Mantla,

W2022L2-0001: Request for Extension – Upcoming Ekati Submissions

Context for Request

Burgundy Diamond Mines (Burgundy) would like to request an extension of the upcoming submission deadlines described in the table below. This request is necessary due to ongoing financial challenges that have delayed invoice payments to our consultants, which in turn have affected the progression of technical work required for these submissions.

Item	Relevant Board Decisions	Required Submission Date	Proposed Submission Date
Dam Classification Assessment Report Version 1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Version 1.0 RFD (April 23): letterhead master Extension Request RFD: Ekati - Dam Classification Report - Submission Extension Request - Aug 26 25.pdf 	November 30 th , 2025	February 27 th , 2026
Waste Rock Storage Area Seepage Response Framework Version 1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Version 1.0 RFD: Ekati - WROMP - Seepage Response Framework V 1.0 - Reasons for Decision - Aug 28 24.pdf Extension Request RFD: letterhead master 	December 31 st , 2025	March 31 st , 2026
Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 4.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ekati - CRP Version 3.1 - Reasons for Decision - Apr 12 24.pdf 	April 1 st , 2026	December 31 st , 2026
Pigeon Final Closure and Reclamation Plans: Open Pit and Waste Rock Storage Area (WRSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ekati - CRP Version 3.1 - Reasons for Decision - Apr 12 24.pdf Extension Request RFD: Ekati - Closure and Reclamation - Pigeon FCRPs Deferral Request Update - Reasons for Decision - Apr 23 25.pdf 	April 1 st , 2026	December 31 st , 2026



- Dam Classification Assessment Report Version 1.1

Per the Board's April 23, 2025, *Reasons for Decision* (RFD) regarding the Dam Classification Assessment Report (Version 1.0), Burgundy was required to submit Version 1.1 within 90 days of communication of the decision. In June, Burgundy applied for and was granted an extension to November 30, 2025. This extension was to provide the time required by our consultant to assemble the team and complete the technical work required.

During the subsequent months, our consultant continued to face challenges engaging the required subject matter experts to complete the work. These challenges have been overcome and the team required for this work is now in place. However, progress has been delayed because we have been unable to make invoice payments due to the challenges in the diamond market. As a result, the consultant has indicated that work cannot proceed until payment is received. Attempts to engage other consulting firms have not been successful as none has the capacity to complete the work within the required timeframe.

The consulting team has provided an estimate of 6-8 weeks to complete the scope. Therefore, we request that the submission deadline be extended to February 27, 2026. We are confident that this will allow sufficient time to provide the update required - including the hydrodynamic modelling and additional assessments required.

- Waste Rock Storage Area Seepage Response Framework (V 1.1)

On August 28, 2024, the Board issued its RFD for the Seepage Response Framework Version 1.0, requiring the submission of Version 1.1 within 135 days of communication. Given the complexity of the required revisions, an extension of the submission date to December 31, 2025, was requested and approved.

Progress on this work has also been delayed because the consultant's technical support remains on hold pending payment of outstanding invoices. As a result, it is evident that completion within the current timeframe will not be possible. Therefore, we request an extension of the submission deadline to March 31, 2026, to allow time to resolve payment issues and complete the necessary updates.

- Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 4.0 and Pigeon FCRPs

On April 12, 2024, the Board issued its RFD for the Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan Version 3.1, requiring submission of ICRP Version 4.0 by April 1, 2026. The Board also set submission deadlines for the Pigeon Open Pit and WRSA FCRPs at December 31, 2024, and April 30, 2025, respectively.

In summer of 2024, we held an engagement with our IBA partners on closure planning as part of the work required for the ICRP update and the development of the Pigeon FCRPs. However, due to efforts to extend mine life and optimize working capital across the site, Burgundy requested to defer the submission of both FCRPs. On April 23, 2025, the Board approved an extension to April 1, 2026, provided that future operational use of the area is not required and requested a separate submission on the final closure trigger, which is currently in progress.



Due to the financial constraints outlined above, progress on these closure plans has slowed. Therefore, we request that the deadlines for both the Pigeon FCRPs and ICRP Version 4.0 be extended to December 31, 2026. This additional time will allow us to resolve payment issues, conduct required workshops per previous Board directions, continue engagement with our IBA partners on closure criteria and complete the technical work required for these plans.

Closing

Burgundy remains committed to meeting all Board requirements and providing quality submissions. We anticipate that outstanding payments will be addressed by the end of November, enabling our consultants to resume work on these deliverables.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and are available to discuss this further if needed. If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Sheila Chernys - Head of Health, Safety, Environment, Communities & Training - at 1.403.613.8417 or Sheila.Chernys@burgundydiamonds.com

Sincerely,

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