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Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board  
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**RE: Ekati Diamond Mine – Sable Underground Project Early Works Land Use Permit  
W2024D0006 Amendment Request**

In response to a letter received from the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (the Board) on October 22, 2024, Burgundy Diamond Mines Ltd. (Burgundy) is providing the following amendment request for Land Use Permit W2024D0006.

The application for the Sable Underground Project was withdrawn on September 24, 2024 to request more time to refine the environmental, socio-economic, and economic aspects of the application. The initial immediate need for the transition from Sable Open Pit to Sable Underground has been mitigated through the recent positive drilling results received for the Misery Underground Project, extending the life of that project for the next several years. Burgundy is focused on developing a long term mine plan for the Ekati Mine of which the Sable Underground Project remains a key piece of the path forward and therefore, Burgundy would like to retain Land Use Permit W2024D0006 for the Sable Underground Early Works Project.

## **Amendment Request**

Burgundy will be proceeding with Option 1 in the letter received from the WLWB and move forward with the early works activities as per LUP W2024D0006 in 2025.

Burgundy recommends a singular modification to the Land Use Permit to account for the security amount applied for as part of the Sable Underground Project for the Early Works portion:

*At least 60 days prior to the commencement of land-use operation, the Permittee shall deposit with the Minister a security deposit in the amount of \$107,367*



## Schedule

Burgundy plans to proceed with development of the activities under Land Use Permit W2024D0006 during Q2-Q3 2025. As disclosed by Burgundy previously, the long term mine plan for Ekati will be made public in early 2025.

## Closing

Burgundy appreciates the WLWB's time and attention to this request. Please contact the undersigned at [Sheila.Chernys@burgundydiamonds.com](mailto:Sheila.Chernys@burgundydiamonds.com) or 403-910-1933 ext.2401 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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