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Dear Mr. Parsons: *Todd*

Dominion Diamonds – Lay Offs and Contracting Out

Thank you for your letter of May 28, 2018, addressed to the Honourable Wally Schumann and I concerning the recent announcement that Dominion Diamonds has plans to “lay off over 150 unionized workers from the Ekati mine site”.

While the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) will continue to ensure that Dominion Diamonds meets the obligations and commitments assumed through socio-economic agreements negotiated with the GNWT; the GNWT is not a party to the collective agreement between the UNW and Dominion and will not become involved in dispute resolutions processes we presume are clearly laid out in that collective agreement.

Sincerely,

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Premier

c: Honourable Wally Schumann
Minister, Industry, Tourism and Investment