



# Canadian Arctic Resources Committee

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Mr. Dennis Mills, M.P.  
Room 259  
West Block  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Mills:

Re: Panel Review for Diavik

On behalf of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC), I am writing to seek your active support to ensure that the Minister of the Environment, the Honourable David Anderson, refers the Diavik Diamonds Project to a Panel Review under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

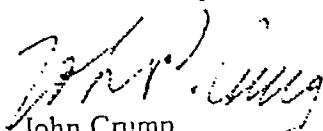
CARC is a citizens' organization, incorporated under federal law, of over 5,000 people from every province and territory. CARC shares a long-standing interest in Canada's North and believes that we have a responsibility to treat the North with respect, care, and good stewardship.

CARC is not opposed to mining in the North, provided that it is undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner. By submitting the Diavik Diamonds Project to a Panel Review, we believe that the government of Canada has an opportunity to "get things right". A Panel Review of the Diavik Diamonds Project will allow the federal government to establish a full, transparent, and rigorous evaluation of impacts of the project.

Furthermore, with several more mines nearing the review stage, and proposals for all-weather roads and hydroelectric developments, a Panel Review concerning the Diavik Diamonds Project would constitute an important step forward in the government of Canada's efforts to meet its commitments for sustainable economic development. It would clearly reflect the highest possible standards for the planning, assessment, and monitoring of future development, in the context of other existing and proposed developments in the region. And it would ensure maximum benefits from development to Northerners and all Canadians.

Please find enclosed a document providing further detail on CARC and why we believe a Panel Review of the Diavik Diamonds Project is required. Once again, CARC is seeking your active support in this regard, and we will be contacting your office in order to schedule a meeting where we might discuss this important matter. Thank you for your personal consideration of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

  
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