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 - (a) at paragraph 39(e) of the Kaye Affidavit, Ms. Kaye testifies that the realization process purports to "... distribute proceeds to Dominion's creditors without a proper adjudication of priorities." This is not correct. DDMI's proposed realization process expressly provides for distribution to creditors in accordance with priority entitlements:
 - (b) at paragraph 49 of the Kaye Affidavit, Ms. Kaye testifies to the reporting provisions proposed in the realization process. DDMI has reviewed the alternative reporting proposed by Dominion and is prepared to work with Dominion to refine reporting processes, but to the extent that requested additions are not reasonably

achievable within existing DDMI processes DDMI may be unable to report on the exact form sought by Dominion. DDMI's realization proposal includes a right for Dominion to audit all material records and information relating to the realization, including diamond sorting results, actual sales invoices, auction logs and receipt and distribution of proceeds, subject only to commercially reasonable confidentiality arrangements being made with the selected accounting firm. In addition, Dominion has the express right to access the DDMI Collateral for the purpose of verifying and assessing the value of the DDMI Collateral;

- at paragraph 54 of the Kaye Affidavit, Ms. Kaye testifies that Dominion is concerned that DDMI "...will continue to use its existing long-term contracts (or similar long-term supply contracts) in its sale of the Additional Diamond Collateral" and suggests that this will result in lower pricing. DDMI currently anticipates that substantially all of the DDMI Collateral will be sold pursuant to an auction process but committing to one type of transaction will potentially limit recoveries and is inconsistent with the flexible approach that is a critical component of the realization (including preserving optionality of sales channels and aligning volume of product to market demand). Ms. Kaye's concern on the use of long-term sales contracts is ultimately misplaced: the realization process expressly provides that the "...DDMI Collateral will not be sold under long term supply contracts that provide pricing at a discount to the prevailing market";
- (d) at paragraph 62 of the Kaye Affidavit, Ms. Kaye testifies that Dominion is concerned about chain of title and associated taxation issues. Ms. Kaye's apprehension on this matter is again specifically addressed within the document: the realization process expressly provides that "...Dominion shall have and shall continue to have all right, title and interest in the DDMI Collateral throughout the sales process" and that DDMI shall "...take good faith and commercially reasonable steps in order to effectuate the Sales in a tax efficient manner."

Process for Commissioning of this Affidavit

24. I am not physically present before the Commissioner for Oaths (the "Commissioner") taking this Affidavit, but I am linked with the Commissioner by video technology. The following steps have been or will be taken by me and the Commissioner:

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- (a) I have shown the Commissioner the front and back of my current governmentissued photo identification ("ID") and the Commissioner has compared my video image to the information on my ID;
- (b) the Commissioner has taken a screenshot of the front and back of my ID to retain it;
- (c) the Commissioner and I have a paper copy of this Affidavit before us;
- (d) the Commissioner and I have reviewed each page of this Affidavit to verify that the pages are identical and have initialed each page in the lower right corner;
- (e) at the conclusion of our review of the Affidavit, the Commissioner administered the oath to me, and the Commissioner watched me sign my name to this Affidavit; and
- (f) I will send this signed Affidavit electronically to the Commissioner.

SWORN BEFORE ME by two-way video conference on October 29, 2020

A COMMISSIONER FOR ATHS in and for the Province of Alberta

THOMAS CROESE

Colleen R. Bonnyman Student-at-Law CERTIFICATE

CANADA)	IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS
)	ARRANGEMENT ACT, RSC 1985, C c-36, AS AMENDED
PROVINCE OF)	AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR
)	ARRANGEMENT OF DOMINION DIAMOND MINES ULC,
ALBERTA)	DOMINION DIAMOND DELAWARE COMPANY LLC, DOMINION
)	DIAMOND CANADA ULC, WASHINGTON DIAMOND
)	INVESTMENTS, LLC, DOMINION DIAMOND HOLDINGS, LLC AND
)	DOMINION FINCO INC.

- I, Colleen Bonnyman, of the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, Student-At-Law, DO CERTIFY that:
 - I remotely commissioned the affidavit of Thomas Croese dated October 29, 2020, attached hereto, using videoconferencing software in accordance with the procedure set out in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Notice to the Profession and Public NPP#2020-02 regarding Remote Commissioning of Affidavits for Use in Civil and Family Proceedings During The COVID-19 Pandemic.
 - 2. The remote commissioning process was necessary because it was impossible or unsafe, for medical reasons, for the deponent and I to be physically present together.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office at the City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, this 29th day of October, 2020.

Colleen Bonnyman

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the Province of Alberta