



**TO: All Local 3050 Members**

**RE: Dominion Diamond Mines Temporary Closure of Ekati**

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We are currently experiencing unprecedented and unpredictable times, with every day bringing new challenges for workers in the NWT and across Canada.

By now you should have received information from your employer about the temporary mine closure at Ekati.

Though the UNW had been requesting the employer's pandemic plans for several weeks, the employer informed the UNW of their plan to cease operations at the mine site late yesterday afternoon – just hours before the news was released to the media.

Throughout their planning, the employer did not collaborate with or ask for assistance from your union. The UNW only received a copy of the notice letter and FAQ document when it was forwarded to us by a member, not the employer.

The UNW does not agree with the employer's approach and positions, and we want to assure members that we are working internally to identify all options and avenues available to us through the grievance process.

Please monitor your email and the Local 3050 Facebook Group for updates from your Local and your Union as more information becomes available.

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