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To Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

RE: Agenda Item – City Initiated Zoning By-law Amendment Application for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT Corridor – Final Report (PG9.7)

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the City initiated by-law amendments to facilitate construction of critical transit infrastructure for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT (PG9.7). This item will be before Council at its February 3rd, 2016 meeting.

Diamond Corp., together with Lifetime Developments Inc. and Context Developments Inc., (collectively Lifetime Pearl Street Inc.) have purchased the lands at 1150 Eglinton Avenue East and 844 Don Mills Road. We fully support the work of the City and Metrolinx in delivering higher-order transit service to the Eglinton corridor, as a key driver in promoting a healthy and prosperous Toronto. In particular, we have an interest in the new Science Centre Crosstown LRT station and associated transit infrastructure at the intersections of Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East. Our 60-acre property is located in the northwest quadrant of the intersection and will figure prominently in supporting Crosstown LRT ridership and transit-oriented development.

We have no objection to the proposed amendments, and support Metrolinx's effort to ensure timely delivery of the Crosstown LRT. We understand that the proposed amendments grant minor relief from development standards for station buildings and other transit buildings, and that the lands remain subject to Site Plan Control.

At this time, no transit stations or major transit infrastructure are planned for the northwest quadrant of the Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East intersection. We respectfully request that we are consulted on any Site Plan application affecting the northwest quadrant, should any proposals come forward in the future.

We would like to reiterate our support for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT project, and the efforts of Metrolinx and the City to open the line as soon as possible. We look forward to continuing to work with both agencies as implementation proceeds.

Sincerely,



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President and CEO
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