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Public Notice

Participant Funding Available

for the Nunavut Impact Review Board's scoping and Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines development phase of NIRB's review of De Beers Canada Inc.'s proposed Chidliak Diamond Mine.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking participant funding to assist participation in the scoping and Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines development phase of the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) review of De Beers Canada Inc.'s proposed Chidliak Diamond Mine, in the South Baffin Region of Nunavut. In examining the environmental and socio-economic effects of this project, the NIRB will, among other things, consider the interests of Inuit and other Indigenous people and their special relationship to the wilderness environment and the cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles of Indigenous people and other residents of Nunavut.

Funding for the 2023-24 fiscal year (beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024) is available to support **Indigenous and public participation during the scoping and Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines development phase of the Impact Assessment**. The Participant Funding Guide and Application form can be accessed on Board's registry (<https://www.nirb.ca/application?strP=r>) under the documents tab, or by contacting CIRNAC staff at the email below. Please send your application to aidefinancierparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca by **11:59 p.m. (EST) Thursday, May 4, 2023**.

If you have any questions about the application forms, eligibility, timing or expense details, please contact CIRNAC staff at aidefinancierparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

An application review committee independent of the Board will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to eligibility criteria specified in the Participant Funding Guide. CIRNAC will provide all successful applicants with a funding agreement with CIRNAC, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.

The Proposed Project

De Beers is seeking to build a diamond mine at the Chidliak exploration site on the Hall Peninsula of Baffin Island. This proposed diamond mine is currently in the early stages of planning. At this stage of the study, De Beers is evaluating a set of options in each key area of the Project including mining, infrastructure, processing, information technology, logistics, and employee work models. It is anticipated that the preferred option in each key area will be identified during the upcoming phase.



De Beers will also complete baseline studies to support an Impact Assessment for submission to the NIRB. De Beers is seeking community input to understand any technical synergies and or regional collaborations with the host communities, Territorial government, Federal government, local businesses or Inuit organizations and corporations. At this point in the planning process, the mine is envisioned as a series of relatively small open pits, or underground mines, likely to be mined in sequence.

The proposed project is subject to an impact assessment by the NIRB. Further information regarding this impact assessment can be found on the NIRB's public registry at <https://www.nirb.ca/application?strP=r>.

