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Sent via email: david.willis@debeersgroup.com

Re: Acknowledgement of the 2019 Annual Report for De Beers Canada Inc.'s "Chidliak Project"

Dear David Willis:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received De Beers Canada Inc.'s 2019 Annual Report for the "Chidliak Project" on January 20, 2020 as required pursuant to the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements condition 1 of the Screening Decision Report, dated February 20, 2012.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Condition 1 states:

1. *The Proponent shall submit a report to the NIRB by March 31st of each year that the Project is in operation (until final closure). This annual report shall include, but not be limited to providing the following information:*
 - a. *A summary of activities associated with the bulk sample program undertaken for the year;*
 - b. *A work plan for the following year, if applicable;*
 - c. *Descriptions of any wildlife encounters and actions/mitigation taken;*
 - d. *A log of instances in which project staff come upon or are in visual range of traditional land users (these should be considered to be any persons using the lands in proximity to project activities). This log should include the location and number of people encountered, activity being undertaken (i.e. berry picking, fishing, hunting, camping, etc.), date and time;*

- e. A summary of local hires and initiatives;*
- f. A summary of community consultations undertaken and how the results of these meetings have informed project activities, mitigation measures, adaptive management, or future development plans;*
- g. A discussion of issues related to wildlife and environmental monitoring, including the number of cease-work orders required as a result of proximity to caribou;*
- h. An analysis of the effectiveness of mitigation measures for wildlife; and,*
- i. A summary of how it has complied with all Project-Specific Terms and Conditions and how the Terms and Conditions are achieving their purpose.*

Upon review of your submission we have concluded that De Beers Canada Inc.'s 2019 Annual Report for the "Chidliak Project" contains the information as required above and that there are no deficiencies to note.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125048.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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