



**NIRB File No.: 22MN025**

NPC File No.: 149747

July 28, 2023

To: Chidliak Diamond Mine Distribution List

Re: **Revised Draft Scope and Revised Draft Guidelines for De Beers Canada Inc.'s Preparation of an Impact Statement for "Chidliak Diamond Mine" Project Proposal**

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Dear Parties:

On May 16, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a request for public comments on the *Draft Scope* and *Draft Impact Statement (IS) Guidelines* for the assessment of De Beers Canada Inc.'s (De Beers; the Proponent) "Chidliak Diamond Mine" project proposal.

The NIRB facilitated Public Scoping and IS Guidelines Meetings in Iqaluit, Kimmirut, and Pangnirtung between June 3-8, 2023. The enclosed Revised *Draft Scope* was updated where appropriate in consideration of the comments and feedback received during the Tour as well as comments submitted by Parties before July 17, 2023.

The comment submissions received have where appropriate, been incorporated into the enclosed Revised *Draft IS Guidelines*. The enclosed table accompanies the Revised *Draft IS Guidelines* and describes how and where submitted comments were addressed or where topics will be discussed at the Guidelines Workshop.

Information associated with the NIRB's Review of this proposal can be accessed online through the NIRB's Public Registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Chidliak Diamond Mine
- NIRB File No.: 22MN025
- Application No.: 125714

## COMMENT REQUEST – REVISED *DRAFT* SCOPE AND REVISED *DRAFT* IS GUIDELINES

It is the NIRB's intention that the Scope and IS Guidelines provide instruction to the Proponent for its preparation of the Impact Statement that addresses information requirements for both the NIRB and the public in order to allow for a thorough impact assessment of the Project.

The NIRB asks that interested parties and Responsible Authorities review the enclosed Revised *Draft* Scope and Revised *Draft* IS Guidelines and provide comments to the Board based on their area of expertise and/or mandate on or before **noon on Tuesday, August 22, 2023**.

All parties are asked to ensure that their comments identify the following:

- The issue of concern,
- A rationale of the issue's importance to the environmental assessment process,
- Identify which section(s) of the IS Guidelines to which that concern is addressed, i.e., page number, section number, or item number, and
- Clearly identify the edits being suggested, i.e., any items that should be included, removed, or suggested changes in wording associated with the issue specifically in Sections 8 and 9.

## NEXT STEPS

The NIRB has scheduled an IS Guidelines Workshop in Iqaluit on August 28 and 29, 2023, for further discussions regarding technical matters raised through comments on the documents and to draw upon the expertise and advice of various parties in finalizing the Scope and the IS Guidelines.

The NIRB invites interested parties to submit comments on the Revised *Draft* Scope and Revised *Draft* IS Guidelines via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) by **noon on Tuesday, August 22, 2023**.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Chidliak Diamond Mine project proposal, please contact me directly at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,



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Alasdair Beattie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Peter Unger, Natural Resources Canada  
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Enclosed: Revised Draft Scope List for the NIRB's Assessment of De Beers Canada Inc.'s Chidliak  
Diamond Mine Project (July 28, 2023)  
Revised Draft Guidelines for the Preparation of an Impact Statement for De Beers Canada Inc's  
Chidliak Diamond Mine Project (July 28, 2023)  
Revised Draft IS Guidelines Comment Table (July 28, 2023)