



NIRB File No.: 22MN025

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July 31, 2023

To: Chidliak Diamond Mine Distribution List

Re: **Logistics and Draft Agenda for Impact Statement Guidelines Workshop for the NIRB's Review of De Beers Canada Inc.'s "Chidliak Diamond Mine" Project Proposal**

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) previously announced the Impact Statement Guidelines Workshop in Iqaluit on August 28 and 29, 2023 as part of the NIRB's Review of the De Beers Canada Inc.'s "Chidliak Diamond Mine" Project Proposal (NIRB Project No. 22MN025). This letter is to provide parties additional details on logistics for the meetings as well as draft agenda for parties to review.

This workshop brings together parties with jurisdictional authority or technical expertise on the proposal, to assist the NIRB in finalizing Chidliak Diamond Mine's Guidelines for the Proponent's preparation of its Impact Statement. Discussions at this workshop are intended to:

- inform the Proponent about information that must be provided, and questions that should be answered, in its forthcoming project-specific Impact Statement
- are based on the Revised Scope and Revised Guidelines, and
- is an opportunity for parties to provide additional oral feedback on necessary changes to the documents.

Following the Guidelines Development Workshop, the NIRB will complete any further revisions to the Scope and Guidelines documents then issue the Final versions to the Proponent.

The summary of upcoming submission dates include:

August 18, 2023	Parties submit comments on Draft Agenda
August 23, 2023	Parties provide any further written comments on <i>Revised Draft</i> Impact Statement Guidelines; NIRB issues final agenda
August 28-29, 2023	Guidelines Development Workshop held in Iqaluit
September 2023	<i>Final</i> Scope and <i>Final</i> Impact Statement Guidelines issued by NIRB (translations to follow)

Information associated with the NIRB's Review of this proposal can be accessed online through the NIRB's public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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

- Application No.: 125714

Comment submissions should be sent to info@nirb.ca. If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Chidliak Diamond Mine, please contact Keith Morrison, at kmorrison@nirb.ca or Cory Barker at cbarker@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: *Draft* Agenda

APPENDIX A - DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE GUIDELINES WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW OF THE CHIDLIAK DIAMOND MINE PROPOSAL (NIRB FILE NO. 22MN025)

NIRB File No.: 22MN025 – Chidliak Diamond Mine Project Proposal

Proponent: De Beers Canada Inc.

Format: In-person

Facilitated by: NIRB staff - Director of Technical Services

Locations: Frobisher Inn, Iqaluit, NU

Dates: August 28-August 29, 2023

Times: Meeting times are 9am–5pm local time, and meetings will include 2 health breaks as well as lunch on own. Agenda times are approximate and subject to change at the NIRB's discretion.

Monday, August 28, 2023

9am Introductory remarks and NIRB Presentation

10am Overview presentation by De Beers on the proposed project

10:45am Discussion of NIRB Scope of Proposal and Scope of Assessment
Discussion of Guidelines – Introduction (Section 1 IS Overview)

12-1pm Break for lunch on own

1pm-5pm Presentation of the Impact Statement (Section 3-5)
Project Description (Section 6)
Alternatives (Section 6.2)
Scope of Project and Future Development (Section 6.4)
Impact Statement Methodology (Section 7)

Close of Day 1

Tuesday, August 28, 2023 (Morning & Afternoon) – Workshop

9am Opening remarks

9:15am Impact Assessment Approach
Impacts of the Environment
Cumulative Effects
Transboundary Impacts
Indicators and Criteria
Significance Determination

12-1pm Break for lunch on own

1pm Environment and Impact Assessment (Section 8.1)
Especially Terrestrial Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat (Section 8.1.11)
Socio-Economic Environment (Section 8.2)
Environmental Management System (Section 11)

4:45pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Close of Meeting