



**NIRB File No.: 22MN025**

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August 23, 2023

To: Chidliak Diamond Mine Distribution List

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

Dear Parties:

On July 31, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) issued the draft agenda for 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). Parties were invited to provide feedback on the *Draft* Agenda and comments were received from:

- The Government of Nunavut (NIRB Doc ID: 346775); and
- Health Canada (NIRB Doc ID: 346774).

Changes to the agenda have been made to include the topics of interest, and the *Final* agenda is available in [Appendix A](#) of this letter. However, the meetings will remain in-person as the purpose of the meeting is to provide parties a chance to discuss any last concrete revisions to the Scope and Guidelines documents, especially to ensure clear definition of topics and information that must be addressed by the Proponent in their Impact Statement, especially where standards of information or analysis exist from regulators.

Following the Guidelines Development Workshop, the NIRB will complete any final agreed-upon revisions to the Scope and Guidelines documents so that the Board will then issue its Final versions of both documents, completing the first portion of the Review process.

Information associated with the NIRB's Review of this proposal can be accessed online through the NIRB's public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125714](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125714). If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Chidliak Diamond Mine, please contact Cory Barker at [cbarker@nirb.ca](mailto:cbarker@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): Appendix A: *Final* Agenda for the Guidelines Workshop related to the Board's Review of the Chidliak Diamond Mine Proposal (NIRB file no. 22MN025)

**Appendix A – FINAL AGENDA FOR THE GUIDELINES WORKSHOP RELATED TO 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

**Locations:** Frobisher Inn, Iqaluit, NU

**Dates:** August 28-29, 2023

**Times:** Meeting times are 9am–5pm local time, and meetings will include 2 health breaks as well as lunch break. 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\***

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)  
Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment (Section 8.3)  
Environmental Management System (Section 11)  
Additional Sections or topics to discuss.

4:45pm Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Close of Meeting