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Sent via email: chad.corson@debeersgroup.com

Re: Acknowledgement of the 2022 Annual Report for De Beers Canada Inc.'s "Chidliak" Project

Dear Chad Corson:

Please be advised that the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received De Beers Canada Inc.'s (De Beers) 2022 Annual Report for the "Chidliak" project on February 24, 2023, as required pursuant to the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements conditions 1 and 2 of the Screening Decision Report, dated February 20, 2012.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Conditions 1 and 2 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.*
2. *The Proponent shall prepare and submit a wildlife monitoring report to the NIRB with its annual report as outlined in item 1. The wildlife monitoring summary report shall include, but should not be limited to the following information:*
- a. Wildlife species encountered and observed;*
 - b. Locations (i.e., latitude and longitude), number of animals, gender and age if possible to identify;*
 - c. Activity, including critical life events (i.e., feeding, mating, calving, migration, social gathering) within the project areas;*
 - d. Behaviour or actions of wildlife when encountering project activities;*
 - e. Potential impacts from the project, and mitigation measures implemented to minimize the impacts; and,*
 - f. Evaluation of effectiveness of mitigation and description of any additional mitigation measures implemented.*

Upon review of your submission, we have concluded that De Beers' 2022 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/125028.

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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