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Public Notice

Participant Funding Available

for the Environmental Assessment of
Diavik's Proposal to Deposit Processed Kimberlite into Pits and Underground

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking participant funding to take part in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) assessment of Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated's (Diavik) proposal to deposit processed kimberlite in pits and underground. The Review Board's assessment will consider the potential impacts of Diavik's proposal on the environment, the cultural, social, and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley, and the well-being and way of life of Indigenous Peoples.

Funding is available to support public participation during the environmental assessment process being conducted by the Review Board, including: review of materials, participation in the scoping stage, preparation of information requests, and participation in the hearing stage (including interventions, hearings, closing arguments).

The [Participant Funding Guide](#) and [Application Form](#) can be accessed on the Review Board's **Public Registry** or by contacting Review Board staff Kate Mansfield (867-766-7062, kmansfield@reviewboard.ca) or Catherine Fairbairn (867-766-7054, cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca). Applications for funding must be prepared in accordance with the Participant Funding Guide and can be sent to the Review Board (contacts above) no later than **April 5, 2019**.

If you have questions about the application forms, eligibility, timing, or expense details, please contact CIRNAC staff James Neary (james.neary@canada.ca or 1-613-355-7285).

While the Review Board has indicated that it intends to coordinate the environmental assessment process with the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board's water licensing process, only expenses related to participation in the environmental assessment are eligible for funding.

A funding review committee independent of the Review Board will consider all applications and recommend allocation of funds to applicants according to eligibility criteria specified in the Participant Funding Guide. All successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement with CIRNAC, under which expenditures may be subject to audit.



The Proposed Project

On June 4, 2018, Diavik submitted an application to the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board (WLWB) to amend the Diavik Water Licence (W2015L2-0001). The proposed amendments would allow for:

- the deposition of processed kimberlite into mine workings (open pits and underground);
- a change to the term of the licence from October 18, 2023 to October 18, 2025; and
- several proposed administrative changes to the licence.

On February 26, 2019, the Review Board decided on its own motion, pursuant to subsection 126 (3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), to conduct an environmental assessment on Diavik's proposal to deposit processed kimberlite into mined-out pits and underground mine workings. The Review Board's reasoning is detailed in its [Reasons for Decision](#). The Review Board has also published a [Draft Scoping Document and a Draft Work Plan](#) for the environmental assessment. The scope of development and the assessment priorities will be finalized by the Board in early April.

Further information regarding this environmental assessment can be found on the Review Board's Public Registry at <http://reviewboard.ca/registry/ea1819-01>.