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Hi Tim

Since it's almost 8pm and I'm still working on De Beers for Friday I might as well as well add my perspective. I think I can safely say that I have lost the attention of the experts on modifications for the De Beers TR process (regardless of the well meaning intentions of the current process). "They have seen the shore and are rowing for it at full speed" (the torpedo analogy works for some of them equally as well).

At any rate, I agree that addendums would add to the already building body of confusion (EAR, IRs, TS commitments, pending transcripts, follow-up meetings and minutes). At this stage, it is possible only to provide our Technical Report and trust to the Pre-Hearing Conference to winnow down the Hearings presentations. After that, we are trusting to the Board staff/consultants to deal fairly with the late information from the continuing discussions, (and resolutions) along with the Technical Reports in their summary report and recommendations to the Board.

While the GNWT will submit what we have prepared by the Feb 14th (essentially by ignoring any further material), I can support your concern regarding the timeline. I do agree that the Board may wish to determine whether a delay would reduce the amount of followup work that will be required (i.e. the Hearings and the Board decision preparation).

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