

Information Sheet for Media

Public Hearings

EA1314-01 Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation's Jay Project

September 14-16 in Yellowknife
September 17 in Behchoko
September 19 in Lutsel K'e
September 21 in Kugluktuk

Yellowknife, NT. – The Review Board is holding public hearings in Yellowknife, Behchoko, Lutsel K'e and Kugluktuk for the Jay Project proposed by Dominion Diamond Ekati Corporation. The Jay Project is an expansion of the existing Ekati Diamond Mine. It consists of a horseshoe dike in Lac du Sauvage to expose the proposed open pit to extract ore from a diamond-bearing kimberlite pipe. The ore will be transported in trucks along the proposed Jay Road and existing Misery Haul Road. Milling of the ore will take place at the existing Ekati processing site. A waste rock storage area will be located on land adjacent to the Jay Pit and fine processed kimberlite from the mill will be backfilled into the mined-out Koala and Panda Pits at the main Ekati site. If the Jay Project is approved it will keep the mine operating for 10 years.

WHAT- Public hearing

The purpose of a public hearing is for the Review Board to hear from the developer, parties, aboriginal organizations and community members to get their views on the Jay Project.

WHEN/WHERE	September 14, 2015 8:30 am-5 pm, 6 pm to close Yellowknife, Explorer Hotel
	September 15, 2015 8:30 am-5:30 pm Yellowknife, Explorer Hotel
	September 16, 2015 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Yellowknife, Tree of Peace
	September 17, 2015 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm Behchoko, Cultural Center
	September 19, 2015 1:00 pm-8:00 pm Lutsel K'e, Lockhart Center

September 21, 2015
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Kugluktuk, High School Gym

Media are requested to sign-in at the hearings and speak to staff on site for designated areas to set up.

Staff and Review Board members will not be available for interviews during the proceeding.

If you wish to set up an interview, please contact Mark Cliffe-Phillips to arrange a time following the meeting.

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Please see below for background information on the project and instructions on media conduct during meetings and interviews.

Quick references for the Jay Project

The Jay Project is an expansion of the Ekati Diamond Mine. It consists of a horseshoe dike in Lac du Sauvage to expose the proposed open pit, transport of ore in trucks along the proposed Jay Road and existing Misery Haul Road and processing of ore at the existing Ekati processing site. A waste rock storage area will be located on land adjacent to the Jay Pit and fine processed kimberlite from the mill will be backfilled into the mined-out Koala and Panda Pits at the main Ekati site.

The Mackenzie Valley Review Board is responsible for conducting a fair and open environmental assessment of the Jay Project. Through this environmental impact assessment, the Review Board must decide if there are significant adverse impacts on the environment or significant public concern about this development. The Review Board will decide whether the development should be approved and if so under what conditions.

The public hearing agenda is found [here](#).

Media conduct during the meeting

It is advisable to check the Review Board's website periodically to confirm logistical details about the public hearing.

Media personnel are required to sign into the public meetings and advise Review Board staff of their attendance. This is important so staff can announce the media's presence to the participants in the room.

The Review Board respectfully requests that all media personnel please observe the following courtesies:

- Please do not set up your equipment too close to the front of the hearing venue. This could distract board members, staff and other hearing participants from their work.
- Please do not take the front seats for the audience if it appears there are many elders present who may want to sit up close.
- Please do not sit at the reserved tables set up for registered groups who will be presenting to the board.

Typically, the Review Board does not set up special tables for media personnel unless there is a request in advance of the meeting. The resources available to the Review Board to assist the media are limited so be prepared to bring all of your own equipment and power supplies.

Review Board staff are not available for interviews during the public hearings. Therefore, please call the Review Board office to arrange for an interview, which will likely occur a few days after the hearing has ended. Please request your interview far enough in advance to allow Review Board staff to coordinate their availability with your deadline.

Interview guidelines

Because of the quasi-judicial nature of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board, there are certain limitations as to what the Chairperson and staff can speak about. For this ongoing environmental assessment, you will only be able to interview Review Board staff. The Chairperson and Board Members are not permitted to comment on matters before the Board. Further, the staff member designated as the spokesperson for a particular file will comment on the process only.

Review Board decisions, submissions made by other parties or any other evidence must speak for itself. The staff cannot provide interpretation or explanations of any information that is on the public record. All the evidence is available on the Review Board's website. If you would like to gain a better understanding of the information on the public record, please contact the groups or individuals or outside expert who submitted the particular document.

You are encouraged to speak to the individuals or groups involved in the assessment for their perspectives on the decision. It is advisable to make sure they have had a chance to read the document before soliciting their comments.

Finding background information and other interview sources

There are a number of sources you can use for background information about the Review Board. Aside from the <http://reviewboard.ca/> which contains all the evidence the Review Board has on file, contact the developer of the project under review and visit its website to get more specific details about the development. Review Board staff will only be able to give you a cursory overview of the project. The developer is the best one to describe its own project. Review Board staff will not do this for you in an interview.