

June 16, 2015

EA1415-02

Chedabucto Mineral Exploration Project
Husky Oil Operations Limited

Hearing Directive

Re: Procedures for community and formal public hearings, dates for the filing of materials and other hearing matters

This hearing directive provides guidance and information to the developer, intervenors and members of the public on hearing procedures, upcoming dates and dates for the filing of post-hearing materials.

1. Hearings

The Review Board holds two types of hearings, community hearings and formal public hearings. Community hearings are informal and are held in potentially impacted communities where the Review Board can listen to the views and opinions of community members. Formal public hearings are more structured and are intended and to hear arguments from intervenors and the developer concerning the project along with the opportunity for questioning.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at an allotted time during either type of hearing and may submit comments in writing to the Review Board up until the public record is closed.

The final agenda for the hearings is provided under separate cover. An overview of the process during the hearings is described below.

2. Community Hearing – Behchoko, June 18, 2015

The Review Board holds community hearings in order to hear directly from members of the public about their views of the Project. These hearings are informal.

Please note that representatives of intervenors may be present and if so, are available to answer questions from community members. However, there will be no presentation of intervenors' formal interventions and no questions and answers between the developer and intervenors.



The final agenda for the Community Hearings is provided separately. An overview of the process during the hearing is as follows:

- Opening Remarks from the Chairperson of the Review Board
- Opening welcome from Chief of the community
- The Developer briefly describes the Project
- Tlicho Government gives a brief presentation (this is not the intervention)
- Community members are encouraged to make statements to the Board and ask the developer questions

3. Formal Public Hearings – Yellowknife, June 23-24, 2015

The Review Board holds formal public hearings in order to hear the views and opinions of the developer and intervenors on whether or not a development may potentially have significant adverse impacts on the environment or people, or both.

The final agenda for the Yellowknife public hearing is provided separately. An overview of the process during the hearing is as follows:

- Intervenors make a 3-minute opening statement to the Review Board
- The developer will introduce its representatives, and present its position on potential impacts of the proposed project on the biophysical environment, including on cultural, social and economic values
- Intervenors will provide a presentation which is a summary of its intervention
- The opportunity for questioning after each presentation is granted to all intervenors, the developer, Review Board staff, and Review Board members
- Questioning after presentations occurs within the timelines described on the agenda.

3.1 Opening statements

The Review Board requests that all intervenors provide an opening statement at the beginning of the public hearing. **Each intervenor is provided a three minute time slot for this purpose.** The intent of the opening statement is for each intervenor to give the Review Board a brief introduction including:

- an introduction of representatives participating on behalf of the intervenor; and
- a **short** description of the mandate of the intervenor.

The intervenors include:

- Husky Oil Operations Limited
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Tlicho Government
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Deninu Kue First Nation



- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Environment Canada

3.2 Presentations

Presentations at the hearing include:

- Husky Oil Operations Limited
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Tlicho Government
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Deninu Kue First Nation
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Environment Canada

Presentations are a summary of material already submitted to the Review Board in intervenors' interventions, or otherwise as discussed in the pre-hearing conference.

Presentations should identify only the points and recommendations that intervenors feel will assist the Review Board in making environmental assessment decisions on the proposed project. The Review Board strongly encourages intervenors' presentations to be brief and focused in order to allow sufficient time for questioning of each party.

Written final arguments

4. Filing dates and closure of the public record

4.1 Filing of materials and due dates

- **June 17, 2015** – deadline for the developer's Behchoko community presentation.
- **June 19, 2015** – deadline for intervenors' and the developer's presentations for the Yellowknife public hearing.

4.2 Temporary closure of the public record

The public record will be temporarily closed between June 20 and June 24 inclusive. The reason is to ensure that no new information is submitted prior to the hearings that other parties have not had the opportunity to review.

The public record will be re-opened for post-hearing filings after the Yellowknife public hearing is complete. Unless otherwise specified during the public hearings, these are the potential filing dates after the hearing:



- **July 3** – hearing undertakings
- **July 10** – written closing argument from intervenors
- **July 17** – written closing argument from Husky
- **July 17** – closure of public record

4.3 Translation and teleconference

The hearings will have simultaneous translation available and will be transcribed. Teleconference capability will be available in Yellowknife for the formal public hearing but will not be available in Behchoko for the community hearing.

The number and participant code is:

Dial-in: 1.877.215.4724

Participant code: 3501684

4.4 Tips for Public Hearings

A document titled *Tips for Public Hearings* can be found on the Review Board website: <http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref library/Public hearing tipsguide 1240350117.pdf>

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