

March 5, 2019

## Notice of Proceeding - Scoping meeting in Yellowknife

Depositing Processed Kimberlite in Pits and Underground, Diavik Diamond Mines

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### Scoping meeting

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) is hosting a scoping meeting in Yellowknife for its assessment of activities proposed by Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. After canvassing parties, Review Board staff have scheduled **the scoping meeting from 9am to 12pm on Monday March 18, 2019**. There will be teleconference available for those who cannot attend in person.

A meeting agenda and other logistical details will follow next week.

### What is scoping?

The intent of scoping is to **identify** and **prioritize** which potential impacts on the environment and people to focus the assessment on. Input from parties and the public during scoping can help the Review Board to focus the environmental assessment on what matters and prevent undesirable impacts from development activities.

Indigenous organizations, government regulators, and other interested groups are invited to participate in this meeting. The developer will be at the scoping meeting to present its project proposal and answer any questions you may have about the activities it is proposing.

To effectively participate in scoping activities, parties and the public should be familiar with the Review Board's [draft scoping document and draft workplan](#). Additional information is available in the Review Board's [Reasons for Decision](#), which outlines its rationale for referring this project to environmental assessment on its own motion. Information from the concurrent water licence amendment process has been added to the Review Board's public registry for this project.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.reviewboard.ca/registry](http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry)



Additional information about the scoping process can be found in the Review Board's guidelines and information sheet on scoping.<sup>2,3</sup>

## Next steps

In addition to the scoping meeting, parties and the public are invited to submit comments on the draft scoping document and workplan through the Review Board's [online review system](#). The deadline for party comments on the scoping document and workplan is **Friday March 22, 2019**. The deadline for Diavik's comments is **Friday March 29, 2019**.<sup>4</sup>

General meeting notes of the discussions will be prepared by Review Board staff and posted to the public registry following the scoping meeting.

The Review Board will release a final Scope of Assessment, an updated workplan, and a description of next steps for this environmental assessment based on information it receives during scoping.

## Contacts

For questions or more information on this environmental assessment, please contact Kate Mansfield (867-766-7062, [kmansfield@reviewboard.ca](mailto:kmansfield@reviewboard.ca)) or Catherine Fairbairn (867-766-7054, [cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca](mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca)).

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<sup>2</sup> See [www.reviewboard.ca/process\\_information/guidance\\_documentation/guidelines](http://www.reviewboard.ca/process_information/guidance_documentation/guidelines)

<sup>3</sup> See [http://reviewboard.ca/file/792/download?token=qeL\\_tmOG](http://reviewboard.ca/file/792/download?token=qeL_tmOG)

<sup>4</sup> Please note that these deadlines have been updated from the original draft workplan posted on the public registry and online review system.