

**Meeting Report**

June 1, 2012

**Meeting Topic:** De Beers Canada Inc Gahcho Kue Project, Wildlife Monitoring Plan

**Meeting date:** Friday May 25, 2012. 3pm – 5pm MST.

**Meeting Location:** ENR office Yellowknife

**Attendees:**

- Jan Adamczewski (ENR)
- Kim Poole (YKDFN Consultant)
- John Nish (Tlicho Government Consultant)
- Anne Gunn (MVEIRB Panel Consultant)
- Mike Tollis (LKDFN)
- Boyan Tracz (ANND, CIMP)
- Stephen Lines (De Beers)
- Damian Panayi (De Beers)
- Cameron Stevens (De Beers)

**Summary of discussion:**

The group discussion focused on the need for a collaborative, innovative and coordinated approach to monitoring, particularly with respect to caribou. The connection between the effects listed in the pathway analyses and monitoring objectives was emphasized, as well as making use of existing data. Some possible advantages and limitations of monitoring methods were also discussed. Attention focused on the rationale for specific monitoring such as verification of the Zone of Influence. A need to clarify and prioritize monitoring objectives for caribou was identified and could be achieved using the categories applied to classify residual effects. The need to design the monitoring programs included discussion of appropriate spatial and temporal scales in the sense of local and regional monitoring and that the latter included monitoring for cumulative effects. There was agreement on the value of initiating discussion on wildlife monitoring early in the EIR and regulatory process.



**De Beers commitment(s):**

Commitments 10 to 14 from the Technical Session (MVEIRB correspondence dated May 29, 2012) as follows:

10. DeBeers is committed to using a collaborative approach – with communities and regulators – in developing the Wildlife Effects Monitoring Plan (WEMP).
11. DeBeers to commit to forming a working group – with communities and regulators – to develop a management framework for the WEMP, and hosting a workshop – mid to late September.
12. DeBeers to provide more detail on the WEMP prior to the workshop mentioned in previous commitment.
13. Regarding the Adaptive Management Advisory Committee proposal, DeBeers reiterates its existing commitment to develop monitoring programs that are effective, collaborative, and innovative, that will evolve over time. As part of this commitment DeBeers will be developing a Terms of Reference with input from participants to September 2012 workshop.
14. DeBeers is committed to providing ongoing capacity and resources to develop a TK monitoring program for life of mine

**Outstanding issue(s) for De Beers:**

- Linking predicted effects to detailed caribou monitoring objectives.

**Action Items:**

1. De Beers to prioritize monitoring objectives for caribou, and propose monitoring actions at regional and local scales. The outcome of which to be provided in conjunction with commitment #12 for information prior to the WMP.
2. In preparing the monitoring objectives, De Beers should consider each of the effects pathways identified in the EIS along with the effects classification, biological relevance, probability and consequence.





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The Meeting Record was circulated to the group for review and comment, with agreement that GNWT-ENR and De Beers would sign-off.

Signature of GNWT-ENR representative: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jan Adamczewski

Signature of De Beers representative: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Stephen Lines

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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