



## The Gahcho Kué Project

**Environmental Impact Review Panel Site Tour** 

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## Introductions

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## Schedule for the Day

7:00/7:15am Leave Yellowknife

8:30/8:45 Arrive Site

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome, Breakfast, PPE

9:30 – 9:45 Safety Orientation

9:45 – 11:30 Project Presentation

11:30 –12:30 Walking Tour, Helicopter Orientation

12:30 – 1:15 Lunch

1:30 – 4:45 Project Familiarization (Flight Tour)

5:00 – 5:30 Wrap Up

5:30 Departure

7:00 Arrive in Yellowknife





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## Site Orientation

#### **TOPICS**

- **♦**Site Overview
- ◆General Rules
- ◆Safety, Health and Environment
- **◆**Questions





## Site Overview

#### THE CAMP AREA (INSIDE BEAR FENCE) INCLUDES:

- ◆Tents
- ◆Kitchen
- ◆Offices
  - ◆Please respect quiet hours for those working night shift.

#### THE WORKSITE INCLUDES:

- ◆Generators
- ◆Quonset
- ◆Incinerator
- Anywhere in camp while working
  - ◆Personal Protective Equipment must be worn at all times on the worksite.





### General Rules

#### **GENERAL RULES WHILE AT GAHCHO KUÉ**

- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only.
- ◆ No littering of any form (includes food wastes, cigarette butts).
- Keep food and drink in the kitchen.
- ◆ Do not hunt, fish, trap, feed or otherwise disturb any wildlife.
- ◆ Firearms, non work-related knives, or any other weapons are prohibited.
- Only authorized personnel may collect rock, mineral, ore, fossils or artifacts.
- ◆ Always stay within reasonable proximity to your guide.





## Safety & Health



#### POLICY STATEMENT

#### OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

We care about our employees, the environment, and the communities in which we operate. Through the strong personal commitment of our employees we achieve safety, health and environmental excellence by targeting zero harm.

To achieve this De Beers Canada\* is committed to the following overall objectives for responsibility and performance throughout the organization:

- Striving for excellence in safety and health management at all of our mines, projects,
- Integrating safety and health into all of our business processes and activities
- Providing the necessary resources (training, equipment, human and financial)
- Assessing and managing risks to all individuals on our work sites
- Meeting or exceeding applicable legal or other requirements to which De Beers Canada subscribes and applying industry best practices
- Implementing safety and health management systems, with a focus on continual
- Appointing an overall manager at each work site, whose responsibilities will include safety and health

#### Managers and supervisors (including contractors) are accountable for:

- <sup>o</sup> Ensuring the safety and health of all employees under their direction
- Providing all individuals with necessary safety and health training
- ° Ensuring equipment and workplaces are maintained in a safe condition
- Assessing and managing workplace hazards
- ° Implementing effective emergency preparedness systems

#### Employees and contractors are expected to:

- Implement this policy and commit to De Beers Canada's safety and health objectives
- ° Take accountability for their own safety and the safety of their fellow employees
- ° Work in a safe and healthy manner, keeping their workplace clean and orderly
- ° Ensure they are informed of, understand and comply with all applicable laws and De Beers Canada policies, programs and procedures
- ° Identify, report and help correct safety and health hazards and reduce risks
- Report immediately all incidents and accidents
- \* Unless otherwise stated, the term De Beers Canada means De Beers Canada Inc. and includes the Corporate, Exploration and Mining

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#### **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY**

- ◆Posted throughout the site
- ♦3 key clauses
  - ◆Prevent Injuries
  - ◆Comply with Legislation
  - ◆Continually Improve Performance





## **Environment**



POLICY STATEMEN

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

We care about our employees, the environment, and the communities in which we operate. Through the strong personal commitment of our employees we achieve safety, health and environmental excellence by targeting zero harm.

#### Accordingly, De Beers Canada\* will:

- Conduct all activities in compliance with applicable legislation, and other requirements, providing for the protection of the environment, employees and the public
- Apply appropriate good management practices in the absence of legislation or where De Beers believes more stringent criteria than those required by law are needed to advance environmental protection and to minimize environmental risks
- Integrate the management of environmental, social, cultural and economic issues into company business and planning
- Protect the environment through the wise use of resources and prevention of adverse environmental impacts, including pollution prevention
- Implement, maintain and improve appropriate management systems and programs to achieve environmental objectives, and to continually improve environmental performance through a process of regular review
- Ensure awareness among employees and contractors of this environmental policy, promote shared responsibility and accountability for environmental obligations, and provide the support and training necessary to achieve these objectives, and,
- ° Communicate openly with governments, employees, local communities and the public to sustain mutual understanding of environmental, social and economic issues
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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

- ◆Posted throughout the site
- ♦3 key clauses
  - ◆ Prevent Pollution
  - Comply with legislation and other requirements
    - ◆Land Use Permit
    - ◆Water License
    - ◆Agreements with communities
  - ◆ Continually Improve Performance





#### **COMMON SITE HAZARDS**

- ◆Always be aware that this is a remote worksite with ever-present conditions that have the potential to cause injury. Examples include:
  - ◆Electrical hazards (includes bear fence)
  - ◆Vehicle use (includes recreational and heavy equipment)
  - Working at heights
  - Slipping/Tripping hazards
  - Slinging/Overhead work
  - ◆Working near water/on ice
  - Working with machinery
  - ◆Environmental hazards (wildlife, insects, weather, allergies)





#### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Must be worn at all times when on the worksite.
  - ◆Hard hat
  - ◆Safety glasses
  - ◆CSA certified safety boots
  - ◆Reflective vest, or strips
  - ◆Gloves
- Additional protective equipment may also be required.
  - ◆Hearing protection
  - ◆Snowmobile helmet
  - **♦**Face shields
  - ◆Personal floatation device





#### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- ◆Emergency situation requiring evacuation: Radio Channel 1 – "Code One"
  - Evacuate
- Knowing the alarms
  - ◆ One long horn emergency, evacuate to muster point (Quonset)





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#### IN THE EVENT OF ANY INJURY OR ILLNESS

- ◆The Gahcho Kué Site has the following resources:
  - ♦ First Aid Station which is staffed by an emergency medical technician (EMT), as required by site capacity.
  - ♦ We have an on-call doctor in Yellowknife 24-hours a day.





#### **Significant Environmental Aspects**

- ◆Always be aware of the sensitive environment in which we operate.
  - **♦**Spills Management
  - **♦**Water Management
  - **♦**Waste Management
  - ♦Noise Management
  - **♦**Land Management





#### Safety, Health & Environmental Management System (SHEMS)

- The Safety, Health and Environmental Management System at the Gahcho Kué Project has been developed in order to meet international standards.
  - ISO 14001
  - OHSAS 18001
- Significant commitment results in improved performance.





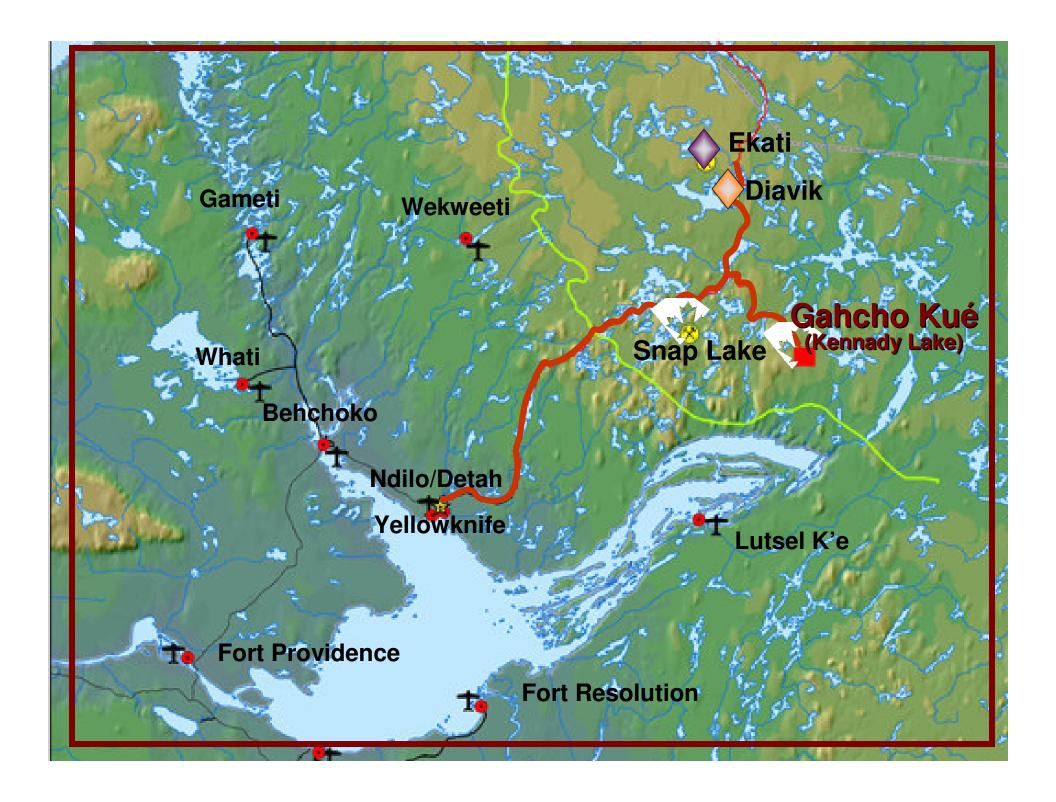
#### REPORTING

- Report <u>ALL</u> accidents, incidents, hazards, non-conformances, or other concerns to your immediate supervisor.
- ◆ This includes all (including any potential for):
  - ◆Injuries or illness
  - Property damage
  - **♦**Fires
  - ◆Spills
  - ♦Wildlife sightings
  - ◆Sites or items of archaeological significance
- ◆ This ensures that we can address and remedy the situation and prevent the situation from repeating itself.



## Questions?







# Gahcho Kué (Kennady Lake) Project History

*	1990s	5034 pipe discovered on behalf of Mountain Province Mining Inc. and partners
*	1997	De Beers buys into JV (51%); Tuzo & Hearne pipes are discovered
*	1997-2003	Core and large diameter drilling bulk sampling Environmental baseline studies
*	2004	Started Gahcho Kué Project environmental work - engineering - water, wildlife & fish
*	2005	De Beers applies for permits (land use and water) to develop mine
*	2006 to present	Community meetings, engagement and environmental work, project design continues to be refine $\underline{DE\ BEERS}_{CANADA}$



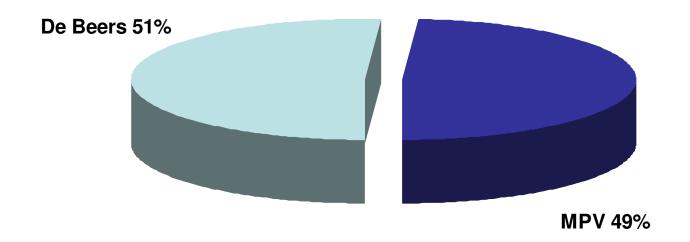
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## DVD





# Gahcho Kué (Kennady Lake) Project History



Project ownership (2007)





# **Kennady Lake**Surface Area Comparison to Yellowknife

