

May 15, 2019

## Notice of Proceeding

To: Parties

**Re: Review Board response to Diavik's May 2, 2019 letter on scope of EA**

On May 2, 2019, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (Diavik) submitted a [letter](#) asking the Review Board to confirm Diavik's understanding of parts of the [scope of development and scope of assessment](#) for this environmental assessment. Specifically, Diavik wished to confirm that:

1. the scope of development would include transporting, depositing, and storing processed kimberlite into A418, A154, and/or A21 pits and underground mine workings;
2. the scope of development would not include re-mining material from the processed kimberlite containment facility; and,
3. the scope of assessment would include assessment of the effects and impacts of transporting, depositing, and storing processed kimberlite from all sources (including the processed kimberlite containment facility) into the A418, A54 and/or A21 mine workings.

The Review Board requested feedback from parties on Diavik's letter and its implications for this environmental assessment on the [online review system](#). After carefully considering Diavik's letter and parties' comments, the Review Board has decided that **the proposal by Diavik does not require a change to the scope of development**. The activity of re-mining the processed kimberlite containment facility has not been proposed and is not part of the scope of development.

However, **the scope of assessment for this environmental assessment will include reasonably foreseeable future activities** as part of the Review Board's cumulative effects assessment. This will include considering the impacts of proposed activities in combination with potential future depositions of processed kimberlite from the processed kimberlite containment facility into the pits and underground mine workings.

The GNWT expressed concern that Diavik's *Summary Impact Statement*, which is expected on May 16, 2019, needs to reflect this decision. The Review Board is providing this letter to parties now, so that Diavik can prepare the *Summary Impact Statement* accordingly. The Review Board will issue its detailed *Reasons for Decision* on this matter in the near future.

The Review Board thanks the parties and developer for their comments.

Sincerely,



JoAnne Deneron  
Chairperson