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Pre-Hearing Conference Materials

Please find attached the Agenda for the Pre-hearing Conference, and a Draft Issue Synopsis document prepared by the Review Board.

The Issue Synopsis document is a listing of all of the outstanding technical issues raised by the parties to the EA in their Technical Reports and Addenda. Please note this document is a working draft, and is not final or meant to replace the issue statements and responses made by the parties and De Beers. It is an effort to compile all of the issues to date to understand the status of the issues, and where overlaps occur between the parties. It provides a starting point for discussion on Day 1 of the pre-hearing conference. Day 1 will be a chance to better understand the issues and their status, but is not meant to be a forum for debate of the actual issues. Note that the synopsis is not meant to capture process issues; however, it is recognized that these issues will still be considered by the Review Board.

It would be helpful to come to the conference with some level of prioritization of your outstanding issues. That is, what are the issues that must be heard at the Public Hearing? This will focus setting the agenda for the public hearing.

Explanation of the Issue Synopsis tables (attached):

The first column from the left, "Issue ID" refers to the numbering used by the various parties in their reports. The third column from the right "Issue Status according to the Parties" is the status of the issue based on statements made in Technical Reports/Addenda. Second column from the right "Issue Status according to Experts to the Board" shows the Review Board's working understanding of where the issues stand based on the information provided by the parties and De Beers. The remaining columns should be self-explanatory.

In reference to the second and third columns from the right, in general:

- Resolved - indicates that the issue is likely resolved,
- Unresolved - means information has not been put forward that shows resolution of the issue
- In Progress - general means the issue appears to be in progress of being resolved, e.g. the issue is still in discussion between De Beers and the parties, information has been submitted but review of the information is ongoing.
- Unknown - based on the information provided, the status is not known or unclear.

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