

EA1314-01 Jay Project – Work Plan and Schedule (revised May 8, 2015)

This table describes process steps during the scoping and Terms of Reference development phase of the environmental assessment of the Jay Project.

Referral by AANDC to environmental assessment	Nov 21, 2013
Comments and responses on developer's draft Terms of Reference	Dec 11, 2013 to Jan 3, 2014
Community scoping meetings in Yellowknife, Behchoko and Lutsel K'e Technical scoping meeting in Yellowknife	Jan 7-16, 2014
Review Board draft Terms of Reference issued	Jan 24, 2014
Comments and responses on draft Terms of Reference	Feb 10-17, 2014
Final Terms of Reference and interim draft Work Plan issued	Feb 21, 2014
Jay Project Addendum and Revised Terms of Reference submitted by Developer	June 18, 2014
Comments and responses from parties on revised Terms of Reference	July 3-10, 2014
Final Revised Terms of Reference issued	July 17, 2014

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This table is an estimate of the date and duration of the phases in the environmental assessment of the Jay Project after submission of the Developer’s Assessment Report. As of May 8, 2015, the Review Board has used 4 months of its allotted 16 total months as legislated under the amendments to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* which came into force March 25, 2014.

Process step	Cumulative Board process time since March 25, 2014 ¹ (months)	Estimated Dates
Analysis Phase		
Submission of Developer’s Assessment Report (DAR)	1 (Review Board considers revised ToR in June/July)	November 6, 2014
Adequacy review of the DAR by Review Board	2	November 28, 2014
Developer’s responses to adequacy review items	-	Dec 18, 2014, Jan 19 and Feb 2, 2015
Review of DAR and preparation of information requests by parties	-	Dec-Feb 2015
Information requests from parties due two weeks after developer’s response to adequacy	2.5	February 16, 2015
Responses to information requests from developer	-	April 7, 2015
Technical sessions	3.5	April 20-24, 2015
Undertakings from technical session	4	May 8, 2015
Information requests from parties – round 2		June 5, 2015
Intervener status application due		June 2015

¹ On March 25, 2014 amendments to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (the Act) received royal assent. The amended Act now sets out a time limit of 16 months for the Review Board to complete an environmental assessment with a hearing. Cumulative Board process time does not include developer time.

Information request responses from developer	-	July 3, 2015
Interventions submitted by interveners	5	July 31, 2015
Pre-hearing conference	5.5	August 5, 2015
Responses to interventions	6	August 14, 2015
Hearing Phase		
Hearings: Yellowknife, Mon-Wed, Sept 14-16 Behchoko, Thur, Sept 17 Lutsel K'e, Sat, Sept 19	7	September 14-16, 2015 September 17, 2015 September 19, 2015
Hearing undertakings	7.5	October 9, 2015
Closing arguments (intervenors)	8.5	October 23, 2015
Closing argument (developer)	9	October 30, 2015
Closure of public record	9	October 30, 2015
Decision Phase		
Decision and Report of EA issued	12	January 2016
Minister's Response		2016 ²

² MVRMA amendments allow five months for a Minister's decision for an environmental assessment with a hearing.