



## Scoping Meeting - AGENDA

### EA1819-01 Depositing Processed Kimberlite in Pits and Underground Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

**Date:** Monday March 18, 2019  
**Location:** Yellowknife, NOVA Hotel, Lynx Room  
**Time:** 9am-12:30pm (1:30-3pm if required)  
**Teleconference:** 1-877-733-5390 **Code:** 4631621989

#### Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
9:00-9:20	Welcome and introductions
9:20-9:40	Review Board presentation
9:40-10:00	Developer presentation
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:30	Draft scoping document review
11:30-12:15	Description of coordinated process and draft workplan review
12:15-12:30	Next steps and wrap up
12:30-1:30	Lunch (not provided)
1:30-3:00	Afternoon if required

Coffee, tea and snacks will be available. Breaks may be taken at other times as required. Schedule is subject to change. Additional information can be found on the *Scoping FAQ* sheet below.

Please direct any questions to Kate Mansfield, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at 867-766-7062 or [kmansfield@reviewboard.ca](mailto:kmansfield@reviewboard.ca) or Catherine Fairbairn, Environmental Assessment Officer at 867-766-7054 or [cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca](mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca).

# Scoping FAQ

## What is scoping?

Scoping is one of the first steps in environmental assessment. During scoping, the Review Board seeks to understand peoples' views on the issues to focus on in the environmental assessment. To do this, we:

- host scoping meetings
- collect written comments from parties and the public and
- **identify** and **prioritize**, with parties and the developer, the issues that will be examined during the environmental assessment.

## Why does scoping matter?

The Review Board investigates many topics in every environmental assessment. The Review Board relies on parties and the public to highlight issues that matter most to them. This ensures that environmental assessments are focused, efficient, and meaningful.

The law requires the Review Board to consider several things when doing an environmental assessment<sup>1</sup>. These include:

- the impacts that might occur (that is, the issues), and their significance
- mitigation measures needed to prevent or avoid any potential impacts
- public comments

The law also requires the Board to make decisions that ultimately protect the environment and the social, cultural, and economic well-being of people and communities in the Mackenzie Valley.

Scoping is not about resolving issues, but about identifying and prioritizing them. Input from parties and the public during scoping can help ensure that we can focus the environmental assessment on what matters, prevent negative impacts from development, and maximize benefits to communities.

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<sup>1</sup> MVRMA subsection 117(2)

## How do you participate in scoping?

Scoping asks participants what is important to them and how a project might affect those things. The Review Board then uses this information to focus the environmental assessment on what people value most. In order to get the most and the best scoping information, the Review Board asks interested parties to participate in scoping by:

- reviewing and commenting on the draft scoping document on the online review system
- participating in the scoping meeting

To effectively participate in scoping activities, parties and the public should be familiar with the project materials. Important information about the project can be found on the Review Board's [public registry](#) for this file, including:

- the developer's project description
- information from the Wek' èzhè Land and Water Board's concurrent water licence amendment process

If you have not had time to review these project materials, the developer will be at the scoping meetings to present its project proposal and answer any questions you have.

Please note that the intent of the scoping meeting is to facilitate discussion. Comments will be recorded but not attributed to parties in the final scoping document. The Review Board requests that parties' official positions on scoping are provided in the ORS.

## What happens after scoping?

After scoping, the Review Board will issue a final *Scoping Document* for this environmental assessment. The final *Scoping Document* will define for parties and the developer, what issues will be examined during the environmental assessment. It will also describe in detail the scope of the development that will be assessed. Following the issuance of the final *Scoping Document*, the assessment will proceed to the information request phase. More information about this process step will be provided in a Notice of Proceeding.

You can find additional information on scoping on the Review Board's [Scoping Phase fact sheet](#). For a more thorough description of the environmental assessment process, please see the Review Board's [Environmental Impact Assessment Overview](#) .