

TRIP REPORT

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Subject: EA99-004

Date: September 30, 1999

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RE: Trip to Lutsel K'e

Development: BHP Mine Extension
Departure Date: September 30, 1999, Louie Azzolini
Return Date: September 30, 1999
Mode of Travel: BHP Twin Otter Charter
Reason: Attend the Wildlife Land and Environment Committee
Public Notification: No notification provided
Meetings: No meetings attended
Cost: Approximately \$40

Louie Azzolini attended a meeting of the Lutsel K'e Wildlife, Lands and Environment Committee. It was a public meeting. The agenda is attached. Items 9, 10 and 11 were postponed to the 12 of October. The

The meeting began at about 2:00P PM. and concluded around 5:30 PM. The meeting included discussion of the environmental and socio-economic monitoring agreements and an update of the BHP mine status.

The following table summarizes the comments noted at the Wildlife, Land and Environment Meeting. There were about 20-50 people in attendance. The following are summary comments recorded by Louie.

Quality of Work and Work Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">George Marlow indicated said he was pleased with his work and the company and to be working for BHP. He noted that safety is a priority at BHP and that it would be good for the young people to consider the work as he was getting older because it was good work.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pierre Marlow emphasized the importance of getting an education and using it and he expressed regret about not having obtained more education.

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Community Initiated Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis, a community resident and researcher asked about undertaking on-site (BHP site) research with BHP's employees.
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zeb Casaway asked the land be survive the people now using it and that it was and would continue to be the what was important to people in terms of culture and nutrition. He expressed concern about waste rock and when and if so much damage would be done to the land that it would not survive or be of benefit to the Dene. He indicated that it was important to look beyond money and that larger development would best proceed slowly in a shared partnership way.
Family Needs Cultural and BHP Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Marlow asked about leave with and without pay when in the event of a death in the family. Now, only leave with pay is allowed only with deaths in the immediate family. George indicated that in Dene culture family may extent beyond the non-Dene definition of family and should be respected in BHP policy. Bereavement policy issue.
Environmental Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflected and echoed elder statements that environmental change will occur in terms of fish habitat, tailings, chemicals and on caribou and fur-bearing animals - effects on habitat and behaviour. He also indicated that things look good in terms of meeting with existing agreements and commitments.
Caribou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Marlow said that on a night time shift a truck swerved to avoid caribou and tipped. The driver was ok. Said that it is a touch choice wether to hit the animals or maybe risk personal risk.
Life Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Someone wanted to know if life skills training could be offered in Lutsel K'e.
Education, Health, social and work experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florence Catholique asked the departments representing the GNWT to return to Lutsel K'e and meet with the respective community organizations and groups. Indicated a need for programs in schools that entice kids to stay in school. • Indicated there is no work experience opportunities in Lutsel K'e so people who wanted to get experience had to leave the community.

<p>Reclamation and Security Deposit and overall BHP performance on commitments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Felix Lockhart noted the community was not a signatory of the socio-economic or environmental monitoring agreement. He also noted that there will be impacts from the three new pipes and that security on reclamation should reflect that.• He indicated the need for money to do community based monitoring.• Noted that the sharing issue between the Treaty 8 communities was resolved on August 16, 1999.• Indicated that BHP employees from Lutsel K'e say things are pretty good and that he is glad for the employment possibilities provided.• He said to be prepared for issues pertaining to caribou.
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At the conclusion of the presentation the meeting the Wildlife, Lands and Environment Committee agreed to have another meeting on the 12th to consider the information pertaining to the environmental agreement, future mine plans and the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

AGENDA
BHR Community Consultation
Lutsel K'e, NT
September 30, 1999
1:00pm

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| 1. | Opening Prayer | |
| 2. | Welcome | Chief Felix Lockhart |
| 3. | Introduction | John Bekale |
| 4. | EKATI™ Diamond Mine Update | Tina Markovic |
| 5. | Purpose of Consultation | John Bekale |
| | • Socio-Economic Agreement | |
| | • Environmental Agreement | |
| | • Future Mine Plans | |
| 6. | Employment / Training | Robert Beaulieu |
| 7. | Business | Charlie DeLuca |
| 8. | GNWT Socio-Economic Agreement | Juanita Robinson |
| 9. | Environmental Agreement | Chris Hanks |
| 10. | Future Mine Plans | Tina Markovic |
| 11. | MVRMA | L. Azzolini |
| 12. | Closing Comments | |