

October 23rd, 2012

EIR0607-001 Gahcho Kué Project, De Beers Canada Limited

To the parties:

Re: Pre-hearing conference – November 1st 2012

A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for November 1st, 2012 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm mountain time. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board office located in the Scotia Centre in Yellowknife.

Parties that are outside Yellowknife can join by teleconference at **1-877-215-4724**. The participant code is **3404306**. Please advise us if you would like to participate by phone.

Purpose of a pre-hearing conference

This pre-hearing conference gives parties an opportunity to assist in planning for the community hearings in Dettah (November 30th) and Lutsel K'e (December 3rd) and the public hearing in Yellowknife (December 5th-8th). The meeting will include all parties (including the developer) to this environmental impact review along with Review Board staff and counsel. The Panel members will not be present. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- Outline the format for community and public hearings
- Identify which parties wish to present
- Set the agenda for the hearings
- Clarify the procedures and answer any questions
- Set a date for submission of party presentations

After the pre-hearing conference parties will submit their presentations to the Review Board by the required date. These will be posted on the public registry. Doing this ensures that no new material is introduced for the first time at the hearings, all parties know what material will be presented and everybody has fair opportunity to prepare.

Parties attending the pre-hearing conference are encouraged to read the guidance document on our website at:

http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/2011_prehearing_conference_flat_sheet_1318622105.PDF.

What to bring to a pre-hearing conference

Parties should attend the pre-hearing conference with the following material:

- List of issues they will be addressing in their presentation
- How much time they need at the hearing for their presentation and questioning (total time and time per issue)
- List of any technical advisors they have

The pre-hearing conference will be most efficient if parties are familiar with the Review Board's rules of procedures. These are available on line at:

http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/MVEIRB_RulesofProcedure_0505.pdf

The pre-hearing conference will be informal and chaired by Review Board staff. The Agenda for the pre-hearing conference is attached. A list of parties to the Gahcho Kue Project is also attached.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Pre-hearing Conference Agenda

November 1st, 2012

1:30-4:00 pm MST

1. Opening comments from Review Board staff
2. Review of Rules of Procedure and hearing process
3. Clarify difference between community hearing and public hearing
4. Suggestions for hearing presentations
5. Agenda and time allotments for community hearings
6. Agenda and time allotments for public hearings
7. Logistics
 - flights to Lutsel K'e
8. Upcoming deadlines and dates
9. Closing remarks

Dial-in number: 1-877-215-4724

Participant code: 3404306

EIR0607-001 Gahcho Kué Project-List of Parties

- De Beers Canada Limited
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Dene Nation
- NWT Metis Nation
- Environment Canada
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Lutsel K'e First Nation
- Akaitcho IMA Implementation Office
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Deninu Kue First Nation
- Tlicho Government
- Transport Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Parks Canada