

January 22, 2020

Note to file – Presentation of the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision

Depositing processed kimberlite into pits and underground, Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.

Review Board staff met with Diavik and intervenors on Friday, January 17, 2020, to present the Review Board's [Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision](#) (the Report).

The Review Board sent its Report and recommendation — to approve the Project, subject to measures needed to prevent significant adverse impacts on the environment — to the Government of Northwest Territories Minister of Lands on January 6, 2020.

At the meeting on January 17, 2020, Review Board staff presented the Review Board's findings and the measures, and answered clarification questions.¹ Staff reminded meeting participants that the Review Board's Report must speak for itself and that staff cannot discuss the merits of the Review Board's findings and measures.

The Review Board's Report and recommendation is currently before the Minister. At the meeting, Review Board staff and Government of the Northwest Territories staff described how Indigenous intervenors can express any outstanding concerns related to potential impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights by responding to the Government of the Northwest Territories and Government of Canada consultation letters of January 6, 2020. The letters request a written response by February 7, 2020.²

The following organizations had representatives at the meeting:

- Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.
- Tłıchǵ Government
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- North Slave Métis Alliance
- Deninu Kue First Nation
- Fort Resolution Métis Council
- Northwest Territories Métis Nation
- Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board
- Environment and Climate Change Canada

¹ For more information on the meeting, please see the Notice of Proceeding for the meeting (PR#[203](#)) and the slides for the presentation (PR#[204](#)).

² Available on the Review Board's public registry as: PR#[197](#); PR#[198](#); PR#[199](#); PR#[200](#); PR#[201](#); PR#[202](#)



- Government of the Northwest Territories, including the departments of:
 - Lands
 - Environment and Natural Resources
 - Health and Social Services
 - Industry, Tourism, and Investment
 - Education, Culture and Employment
- Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

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