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**Subject:** Lead EA expert Reviewer Clarification - De Beers

A few people have asked about what is meant by "lead reviewer" in the context of the expert allocation table I provided. That is an excellent question, and in all honesty, a question I was hoping would come up. In past environmental assessments, expert overlap and coordination has frustrated many of us, and likely resulted in resource misallocation. I am attempting to avert that outcome.

The purpose of identifying lead reviewers for the Terms of Reference line number that have multiple expert departments/governments reviewing the submitted EA Report is to create an informal expert lead that can facilitate other similar experts to discuss, review and consider the specific questions at hand. In no way is the lead reviewer concept intended to supercede your internal departmental or governmental reporting requirements, or your respective departmental and governmental technical reporting submissions. It is only a means of identifying who should take a more assertive and organizational role in connecting with similar experts in areas where there is expert overlap. It also provides De Beers a convenient point of contact for respective line numbers so that there is no unnecessary duplication.

I hope this addresses some of the concerns regarding what a "lead reviewer" is. I anticipated inter-departmental and governmental expert coordination problems where overlap in expertise exists (e.g., INAC waters experts and EC water experts), so, by flushing it out now, excuse the pun, I am trying to encourage experts to start connecting with fellow experts to identify what questions they are going to focus on, and to start building the relationships early on so that when the EA report is ready for review we can all hit the road running so as to speak

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