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**Subject:** Re: De Beers EA - Government Reviewers - EA Coordinators



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Louie and others: Things are moving along well and we all appreciate the inclusive approach you are taking. I would like to share some experience and knowledge I gained from the Diavik EA process with others that deals with the identification of expert advisors. I think it is a very good idea- and it will also assist the Board having areas of expertise identified if they need to get clarification or a second opinion on a topic.

FYI - I am enclosing a call out letter we sent to all expert advisors that we sent out AFTER the TOR were confirmed. I mention the AFTER - as it is important to identify the expertise as it relates to the TOR and subsequent EA report. In this letter our intent was also to place the list of experts on the PR . . . but we ran into some opposition on this.

One thing that came up repeatedly as a concern from expert advisor departments was that many departments preferred to provide a list of topic areas they could provide expertise in for example:

- geohazards (seismicity)
- geoscience (surficial and bedrock geology, geomorphology, groundwater, etc.)
- geotechnical
- mine site development, mineral processing tech and mine site reclamation
- mine waste mgmt, including tailings & waste rock, protection of surface & groundwater quality, and acid mine drainage
- permafrost
- caribou
- vegetation

I think you get my drift . . .

The reason for this is that during an EA most departments have a main lead or contact person they have identified as the "one window" approach for all issues. It is the preference of some to have a main contact name for the department and that person will ensure the question is addressed. This also allows a department to track the information requests that are coming to a department and ensure they are all addressed.

This is not to say that Departments will not want the names of staff posted on your web site - I just mention this as it was an issue in the Diavik review as some did and some did not want the names of experts placed on the PR. Most importantly I think - it is the AREA of expertise that needs to be identified.

I hope this is useful background information and perhaps this could be discussed further as an agenda topic in one of the upcoming meetings.

I also mention here that for Diavik, the proponent provided a very inclusive list of all areas of expertise and credentials of people they utilized in conducting the EIS. I believe it was very helpful and did a lot for the credibility of the company.

regards,

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Operational Matters

Over the next few weeks we will iron out operational matters such as the number of paper and digital copies (CD-ROM) needed by EA coordinators, any specific mailing or distribution instructions, preferred digital formats (Word, WordPerfect), and ways of making sure issues are getting addressed as they arise.

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Others that should be on the list including NGO's?

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experts co-ordination table. I have attached an older GNWT experts list . Please prepare a similar list for the De Beers EA. I will integrate the lists and make them available to everyone and placed on our web site. This will also help in the interdisciplinary communications that are vital to good EA practice as well as identifying any expert gaps in the EA. Please have similar list available for the July 27 Meeting.

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July 20 Meeting. I have booked the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

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August 20, 1998

Distribution List

**Re: EXPERTS POOL - DIAVIK DIAMONDS PROJECT**

With the Environmental Assessment (EA) Guidelines now complete for the Diavik Diamonds Project, we should now be aware of the experts that will be required to review Diavik's Environmental Assessment (EA) Report with respect to our respective mandates.

As identified in the Comprehensive Study Management Structure, and as required under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), we would like you to identify the experts your department will be utilizing (existing government or contracted) to review the EA Report with respect to your area of responsibility or expertise.

The list should contain general information such as name of expert, area of responsibility, credentials, phone and fax numbers and address. Please identify where you may need to contract outside consultants. Once the list has been completed, it will be placed on the public registry file. Please be advised that specific requests for expert advice will be directed to you as the designated contact person from the Diavik Review Project Secretariat.

Areas where federal and territorial government experts are likely required are:

- terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems (aquatic ecology and fish);
- land, including periglacial geomorphology, geological hazards, and permafrost;
- water quality and quantity;
- northern engineering (notably permafrost and engineered earthen structures);
- socio-economic issues;
- traditional knowledge; and
- cumulative effects.

Please forward your list of experts to me by **September 3, 1998**. You can either Email me at [mcivore@inac.gc.ca](mailto:mcivore@inac.gc.ca) or fax (867-669-2701). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (867) 669-2595.

Sincerely,

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Room from 9:00am to 3:00pm on July 20. Please email or fax me any suggested agenda items so that I can prepare a draft agenda for discussion well before the meeting date. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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