



23 May 2003

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB)
Box 938, 5102 – 50th Avenue
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Attention: Gordon Wray, Alternate Chair

Dear: Gordon

SUBJECT: Request for Information – Updated List of Community Meetings

During the final day of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Public Hearing for the Snap Lake Diamond Project you requested information on whether De Beers has updated the list of community meetings since the filing of the Environmental Assessment Report. Attached please find a revised community consultation update. This update was originally provided to the MVEIRB on 28 February 2003, and has now been amended to include those meetings which have occurred since.

In addition, I have included a summary table of the socio-economic interviews and meetings that De Beers' included in its response to question Q3.2(b) of the MVEIRB Information Request dated 22 April 2003, which can also be found on the Public Registry.

If you have any questions concerning the information presented in this letter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

SNAP LAKE DIAMOND PROJECT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Johnstone".

Robin Johnstone
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cc. Glenda Fratton, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, MVEIRB



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Snap Lake Diamond Project Community Consultation Update: Consultations Following the Technical Sessions

As previously stated in the Environmental Assessment, De Beers is committed to maintaining on-going communications and consultation programs throughout the life of the Snap Lake Diamond Project. In support of this commitment, the table below provides a summary of consultations that have occurred since the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Technical Sessions. The main purpose of these meetings was to discuss Impact Management Measures associated with the project. The table includes the date, community/organization and individuals with whom the meetings occurred, topics discussed and response required.

Table 1: Consultations Following the Technical Sessions

Date	Community/ Organization	Met With	Items Discussed	Response
December 15-17, 2002	Wha Ti	Economic Development Coordinator, Band Manager, Housing Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Adult Educator, Sub Chief and Council members.	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures. Community interested in jointly developing IMM.	De Beers to plan future meeting.
December 18-19, 2002	Gameti	Outreach Coordinator, Nurse in Charge, Social Services Counselor, Adult Educator, Band Manager, Chief and councilors	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures. Community interested in jointly developing IMM.	De Beers to plan future meeting.
December 20, 2002	Rae/edzo	Human Resources Coordinator, High School Principal	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures and socio-economic monitoring. Community interested in jointly developing IMM.	De Beers to plan future meeting.
January 22, 2003	Dettah/ N'Dilo	Senior Administration Officer, Human Resources Coordinator	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures. Community interested in jointly developing IMM.	De Beers to plan future meeting.
January 23, 2003	GNWT, Housing Corporation	Management Staff	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures, specifically money management. Interested in potential partnership on money management training.	De Beers to keep NWT Housing Corporation informed of the money management training to be developed.

Date	Community/ Organization	Met With	Items Discussed	Response
January 24, 2003	Dettah	Human Resources Coordinator/ Diavik Socio-Economic Advisory Board Community Representative	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures and socio-economic monitoring. Community interested in jointly developing IMM.	De Beers to plan future meeting.
January 24, 2003	N'Dilo	Health and Social Services Staff	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures. Community interested in jointly developing IMM.	De Beers to plan future meeting.
February 9-12, 2003	Gameti	Community Members, Adult Educators, Health Centre Employees, Justice Committee, Development Corporation Employee, Outreach Worker and Elder	Further development of Impact Management Measures, specifically relating to family support services, substance abuse programs, literacy, economic development and support for traditional aboriginal practices.	De Beers will continue working with the community on developing the Impact Management Measures.
February 12-14, 2003	Wekweti	Recreation Coordinator, Educators, Outreach Coordinator, Community Member, Spouses of current mine workers, Economic Development Coordinator, Assistant Band Manager and Band Manager	Further development of Impact Management Measures, specifically relating to cultural programs, adult education, healing, counseling, money management training and economic development.	De Beers will continue working with the community on developing the Impact Management Measures.
February 14 and 25, 2003	Yellowknife	Yellowknife Public Denominational District Education Authority	Introductory discussion on Impact Management Measures, specifically their request for De Beers to participate in the planning, programming and funding for the construction of a Career and Technical Center to provide career and technical training for northern students.	De Beers will continue working with the community on developing the Impact Management Measures. Working towards a MOU.

Date	Community/ Organization	Met With	Items Discussed	Response
February 18, 2003	Dettah	Human Resources Coordinator	Further development of Impact Management Measures, specifically relating to community based counseling, employment support and money management training.	De Beers will continue working with the community on developing the Impact Management Measures.
February 18-19, 2003	N'Dilo	Community Members, Educators, Social Services and Health Staff.	Further development of Impact Management Measures, specifically relating to education, literacy, cultural programs, family support, counseling, money management training and healthy lifestyles programs.	De Beers will continue working with the community on developing the Impact Management Measures.
February 18, 2003	N'Dilo	Implementation Coordinator	Further development of Impact Management Measures, specifically relating community Liaison personnel, and socio-economic monitoring.	De Beers will continue working with the community on developing the Impact Management Measures.
March 21, 2003	Lutsel K'e	Wildlife, Lands & Environment Committee, as well as approximately 10 other community members	Overview of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process & how land lease applications and permits fit in to the EA process. Also general discussion with Elders relating to fish, caribou, dust, community agreements and monitoring.	De Beers will continue to work with the community in developing environmental monitoring programs. De Beers will also continue to work with the community towards an Impact Benefit Agreement.
May 12-14, 2003	Snap Lake Site	Dogrib, Lutsel K'e and NSMA Elders, RWED and De Beers personnel	Impacts to wildlife, wildlife management and monitoring practices, specifically relating to caribou.	De Beers will incorporate feedback from workshop to monitoring and mitigation.

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Summary of Meetings and Interviews Held Between March 1999 and March 2003

Each of the primary communities has been visited on several occasions throughout the SEIA process, and a cross-section of community members has had an opportunity to provide input during each of those visits.

Table 1.1, below, identifies the number of in-person interviews conducted with communities and organizations between December 2000 and June 2002.

The following table shows that 93 in-person interviews were conducted with the 6 primary communities and organizations. Community visits, for the purpose of interviews, were typically 2-4 days in duration. Semi-structured interviews were used and they lasted between 30 minutes and 1 hour. The purpose of the interview was to discuss issues, concerns and experiences with a cross section of people including, Official leaders (Chiefs, councilors), First Nations Staff (administrators, economic development coordinators, outreach coordinators, finance officers, social services and health workers, literacy coordinators), mine workers, spouses of mine workers, a community nurse, youth and Elders.

Table 1.1 In-Person Interviews by Communities and Organizations:
December 2000 and June 2002

Community/Organization	In-person interviews:
Lutsel K'e	17
NSMA	2
Wha Ti	17
Gameti	6
Wekweti	25
Rae Edzo	13
Yellowknife	3
GNWT	3
DIAND	1
Women's Organizations	2
Total Number of In-person Interviews between December 2000 and June 2002	93

Table 1.2, below, identifies the number of in-person meetings and site visits with communities and organizations between March 1999 and May 2001.

The following table shows that De Beers visited the 6 primary communities on a regular basis to conduct 49 community meetings. Information on the project was provided to communities through power point presentations, verbal description, and open house meetings. These meetings also held a consultation component, so that De Beers could have discussions with a cross-section of the community residents to determine the key socio-economic issues and concerns with regards to the Snap Lake Diamond Project.

Table 1.2 Community Meetings and by Communities and Organizations: March 1999 and March 2003.

Community/Organization	Community meetings
Lutsel K'e	11
NSMA	5
Wha Ti	4
Gameti	4
Wekweti	3
Rae Edzo	4
Yellowknife	1
Dettah/N'Dilo	5
Dogrib Treaty 11	1
HRDP Community Meeting	11
Total Number of In-person Interviews between March 1999 and May 2001	49

Table 1.3, below, identifies the number of in-person interviews with communities and organizations between November 2002 and February 2003.

The following table shows that De Beers conducted an additional 53 in-person interviews in the 6 primary communities to introduce, discuss and develop the impact management measures. De Beers will continue to consult with the communities on the future development of the IMM.

Table 1.3 Interviews by Communities and Organizations (IMM):
November 2002 and February 2003

Community/Organization	In-person interviews:
Lutsel K'e	1
Wha Ti	9
Gameti	24
Wekweti	8
Rae Edzo	1
Yellowknife	1
Dettah/N'Dilo	9
MDAG	2
Total Number of In-person Interviews between November 2002 and February 2003	53

In total, 93 interviews and 38 meetings were held to develop the SEIA that is contained in the EAR. Since the submission of the EA Report, an additional 52 interviews have been held to further the SEIA work.