

Community Hearing
for
**Dominion Diamond Ekati Corp.'s
proposed Jay Project**

**Presentation by the
Kitikmeot Inuit Association**

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Kugluktuk, Nunavut



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Presentation Outline

- KIA Staff Introductions
- KIA's Mandate
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- Conclusion



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KIA's Mandate

Represent the interest of the Kitikmeot Inuit by protecting and promoting their social, cultural, political, environmental and economic well-being.

The KIA also manages 106,360 square kilometres of Inuit Owned Lands (IOL). Because Inuit culture and language is inherently connected to the land, KIA places considerable importance and resources on land management.



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Why is KIA involved in the Jay Project?

- The Jay Project is within the Coppermine River Watershed
- The Coppermine River flows through the Kitikmeot Region and to Kugluktuk
- Inuit are concerned about potential trans-boundary impacts



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KIA's Relationship with the Ekati Project

- Signatory to an IBA
 - KIA and DDEC have an agreement that outlines KIA relationship with the Ekati project as a whole – the Jay project is a proposed extension to the Ekati project.
- KIA is also a party in an Environmental Agreement
 - Appoints a member to the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency
- The KIA selects Kitikmeot Elders to participate in Traditional Knowledge workshops and studies



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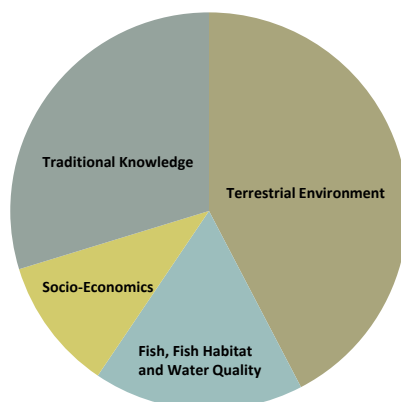
KIA's Review of the Developers Assessment Report (DAR)

- 111 Information Requests
 - Terrestrial Environment
 - Zoetica Environmental Consulting Services
 - Water Quality & Fish and Fish Habitat
 - Palmer Environmental Consulting Group Inc.
 - Socio-Economics
 - Shared Value Solutions Ltd.
 - Traditional Knowledge
 - Banci Consulting Ltd.



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KIA's Review of the Developers Assessment Report (DAR)



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Terrestrial Environment

- A majority of the information KIA requested related to caribou
- Other topics included; grizzly bears, wolves, birds, vegetation, impacts from traffic to wildlife
- Largely, the KIA is satisfied with the responses and commitments related to Information Requests regarding wildlife



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Fish, Fish Habitat and Water Quality

- Baseline information, sampling techniques, project design and management plans and significance thresholds
- The KIA would like to highlight the importance of impacts to water quality not only in Lac du Sauvage but the potential to effect the Lac de Gras watershed, including the Coppermine River



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Socio-Economics

- The KIA would like to acknowledge DDEC's commitment to continuing the working relationship between DDEC, the KIA and the Hamlet of Kugluktuk
- KIA recommends that DDEC focus hiring efforts to exceed Inuit employment levels relative to when Ekati began operations, and increase business with Inuit contractors

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Traditional Knowledge

- The KIA is satisfied with the responses to our Information Requests, and we would like to see continued effort and commitment toward involving Inuit and land users not only in providing TK, but as well as in its interpretation and application into the Project

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Management Plans for the Jay Project

- Jay Project Management plans are still conceptual
- The KIA commits to reviewing and providing input as the various management plans become finalized

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Conclusion

- Overall, the KIA is satisfied with DDEC's continued efforts to collaborate with the KIA on traditional knowledge, environment management, Inuit employment and business opportunities
- We are concerned about water quality, particularly in the Coppermine River
- The KIA will participate in water licensing if the environmental assessment is approved



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Thank You

