

EA1314-01 - Jay Project

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Dear Ms. Seale and M. Pellissey,

**Re: EA1314-01 Jay Project – request for current Bathurst Caribou Management Plan and schedule for updates**

The Mackenzie Valley Review Board (Review Board) is currently conducting an environmental assessment of the Jay Project, a proposed expansion of the Ekati Diamond Mine. The potential for impacts to the Bathurst caribou herd from the Jay Project is a key line of inquiry in the Review Board's environmental assessment of the Jay Project.

The Bathurst herd is a trans-boundary caribou herd in both Northwest Territories and Nunavut and is within the area known as Wek'éezhii. The Government of the Northwest Territories and the Wekeezhii Renewable Resources Board both have co-management responsibilities for management of the Bathurst caribou herd.

Public hearings for the Jay Project take place in Yellowknife from September 14-16. The Review Board requires the most current information on the Bathurst caribou herd prior to the public hearing in order to make an informed decision on the Jay Project.

Please provide the Review Board with your most recent planning or management document(s) for the Bathurst caribou herd. Please also provide the Review Board with your schedule for updating this or any other document related to planning and management of the Bathurst caribou herd.

Please submit your response by September 1, 2015.



If you have questions, please contact Chuck Hubert, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at the Review Board at 867 766-7052 or [chubert@reviewboard.ca](mailto:chubert@reviewboard.ca).

Sincerely,

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