

May 26, 2014

EA1314-02

Snap Lake Amendment Project

Hearing Directive

Re: Procedures for public hearing, dates for the filing of materials and other hearing matters

This hearing directive provides guidance and information to parties and members of the public on upcoming dates and expectations of the Review Board.

1. Public Hearings

The Review Board holds public hearings in order to hear parties' arguments concerning the project. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak at an allotted time during the hearing and may submit comments in writing to the Review Board up until the public record is closed.

The final agenda for the public hearings is provided under separate cover. An overview of the process during the hearings is as follows:

1.1. Public Hearings – June 5-6, 2014

- The Chair provides opening remarks
- The developer introduces its representatives and gives an opening statement
- Parties make a opening statement to the Review Board
- The presentations by parties are a summary of technical reports
- The opportunity for questioning after presentations is granted to all parties, the developer, Review Board staff, and Review Board members

1.2. Opening statements

The Review Board requests that all parties provide an opening statement at the beginning of the public hearing. **Each party is provided a three minute time slot for this purpose.** Parties that are not presenting should still introduce themselves so that the Review Board knows they are present at the hearing. The intent of the opening statement is for each party to give the Review Board a brief introduction including:

- an introduction of representatives participating on behalf of the party
- a **short** description of the mandate of the party.

The parties include, in the order of questioning:

- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Environment Canada
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation



- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Deninu Kue First Nation
- De Beers Canada Inc.

1.3. Presentations

Presentations at the hearing include:

- De Beers Canada Inc.
- Ecometrix
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Environment Canada
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Deninu Kue First Nation

Presentations are a summary of material already submitted to the Review Board in technical reports, or otherwise as discussed in the pre-hearing conference. **Presentations should identify only the points and recommendations that parties feel will assist the Review Board in making environmental assessment decisions on the proposed project.** The Review Board strongly encourages party presentations to be brief and focused in order to allow sufficient time for questioning of each party. Please put page numbers your presentation slides.

2. Filing dates and temporary closure of the public record

2.1. Filing of materials and due dates prior to the hearing

May 30, 2014 – deadline for parties' presentations

June 2, 2014 – deadline for developer's presentation

2.2. Temporary closure of the public record

The public record will be temporarily closed between June 2 and June 6 inclusive. The reason is to ensure that no new information is submitted prior to the hearings that other parties have not had the opportunity to review.

2.3. Post-hearing filing of materials

The public record will be re-opened for post-hearing filings after the hearing is complete. Unless otherwise specified during the public hearings, the Work Plan identifies the following filing dates after the hearing is completed:



June 13 – hearing undertakings
June 18 – closing argument from parties
June 23 – closing argument from De Beers
June 23 – closure of public record

3. Translation, transcription and teleconference

The hearings will have simultaneous translation available and will be transcribed.

Teleconference will be available for parties not in attendance:

Dial-in: 1.877.215.4724

Participant code: 3501684

4. Tips for Public Hearings

A document titled *Tips for Public Hearings* can be found on the Review Board website:

http://reviewboard.ca/upload/ref_library/Public_hearing_tipsguide_1240350117.pdf

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