



June 27, 2011

Distribution List

Re: Community Information Session - EA1112-001 Debogorski Diamond Exploration Project,  
Drybones Bay

Attached for your information is an agenda and description of the upcoming community information session for the environmental assessment of the Debogorski Diamond Exploration Project, Drybones Bay. The community information session has been scheduled for July 20, 2011 commencing at 1:30pm in the Chief Drygeese Conference Centre in Dettah.

The Review Board will be organizing a shuttle bus between N'dilo and Dettah for the session. Details about this will be forthcoming when they become available. The Review Board will also be organizing the logistics for party representatives from outside of Yellowknife to travel to Yellowknife to participate in the information session. Jessica Simpson, Community Liaison Officer, will be following up with parties from outside of Yellowknife to make arrangements shortly.

If you have any questions or comments about the attached agenda and community information session description you can contact me by phone at (867) 766-7066 [toll-free at 1-866-912-3472] or by e-mail at [dphillpot@reviewboard.ca](mailto:dphillpot@reviewboard.ca).

Sincerely,

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Darha Phillipot

Environmental Assessment Officer



**COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION**

for the environmental assessment of

**Debogorski  
Diamond Exploration Project  
EA1112-001**

Chief Drygeese Conference Centre  
Dettah, Northwest Territories  
Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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**AFTERNOON SESSION**

- 1:30 pm Prayer and opening comments
- 1:45 pm Introduction to the environmental assessment process
- 2:00 pm Project description presentation – Alex Debogorski
- 2:30 pm Questions and comments from parties
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
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Deninu Kue First Nation  
North Slave Metis Alliance  
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development  
Government of the Northwest Territories
- 4:30 Review of commitments & outstanding information
- 4:45 Closing prayer

**EVENING SESSION**

- 5:00 pm Community open house & community barbeque (provided)
- 7:00 pm Prayer and opening comments
- 7:15 pm Introduction to environmental assessment process
- 7:30 pm Project description presentation – Alex Debogorski
- 8:00 pm Questions and comments from the public
- 10:00 pm Closing prayer



## **Community information session description**

The purpose of the session is for the parties and potentially affected community members to become better informed about the proposed development and for the developer to better understand and respond to any concerns community members or parties may have. The Review Board staff will host and facilitate the session. Board members will not be in attendance.

The community information session has been scheduled for both the afternoon and the evening of July 20<sup>th</sup> to allow parties to attend during working hours and to accommodate community members who might only be able to only attend after working hours. The afternoon session is intended primarily for representatives of the parties to the environmental assessment. The afternoon is primarily geared towards the public. Both sessions are open to the public. The developer will give two presentations about the proposed project: the first starting at 2pm and the second starting at 7pm. Each session will be followed by a question and answer (Q&A) period. Parties may ask questions of the developer or of other parties. The Review Board staff will moderate the Q&A period, including tracking any commitments that are made including commitments to follow-up on any questions that remain unanswered. The information session will not be transcribed. However, there will be a note-taker present at the session. A summary of the session will be placed on the public registry.

## **How is the community information session different from a scoping session?**

The community information session is an opportunity for everyone to get a better understanding of the proposed development, and the environmental assessment process. The Review Board is not gathering evidence on potential impacts to prioritize issues. The Review Board has already made a decision about the scope of the development and the scope of the assessment. This was done based on previous evidence and findings for the six environmental assessments previously done in the Shoreline Zone as well as the evidence put forward during the preliminary screening of the project.

## **How is a community information session different from a hearing?**

During the community information session Board members will not be present. The community information session is the first opportunity for community members to learn more about the proposed development and the environmental assessment process, whereas a hearing is usually the final step in an environmental assessment where the developer and other parties present their conclusions to the Review Board members.

## **Who should come to the community information session?**

Anyone who wants to learn more about the proposed development or has an interest in the Drybones Bay area should come to the community information session. All parties to the Debogorski environmental assessment should come to the community information session. The session has been scheduled for the afternoon and the evening to allow parties to attend during working hours and to accommodate community members who can only attend after working hours.



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### **Who can ask questions at the community information session?**

There are two scheduled times after the developer's presentation (scheduled for 2:30pm and 8:00pm) when anyone can ask questions. The Review Board staff will take note of the questions and answers during this time and a summary will be placed on the public registry.

### **What will happen if I don't get an answer to the questions I asked?**

The Review Board staff will be moderating the question and answer period and will track any questions that remain outstanding at the end of the day. The Review Board has allocated a block of time in the work plan following the community information session for the developer or other parties to respond to any outstanding questions. The Review Board may also issue information requests depending upon the outcome of the community information session.

### **Will my questions and comments go on the public registry?**

The Review Board will produce a summary of the community information session, including the questions and answers which will be placed on the public registry.

### **What happens next in the process?**

Following the community information session, the next milestone in the environmental assessment is the public hearing, including a pre-hearing conference.

### **What if I can't come to the community information session?**

Parties or the public can submit their views to the Review Board at any time during the process. All submissions are placed on the public registry and will become part of the evidence that the Review Board considers in making its decision.

### **Where can I find more information?**

For more information on the DeBogorksi Diamond Exploration Project, please see the Review Board's public registry at: <http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/>.

For any questions, please contact **Darha Phillipot**, Environmental Assessment Officer by phone at (867) 766-7066 [toll-free at 1-866-912-3472 in the NWT, NU or YT] or by e-mail at [dphillpot@reviewboard.ca](mailto:dphillpot@reviewboard.ca).