LUTSEL K’E DENE FIRST NATION

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BASED ON DENESOLINE BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS

PUBLIC HEARING FOR W2015L2-0001 – WATER LICENSE RENEWAL FOR THE DIAVIK MINE

MARCH 28TH AND 29TH, 2015
LKDFN is not opposed to the water license in principle, but has some concerns we would like addressed:

- The term of the water license
- Frequency and methods of engagement
- Traditional knowledge use
- Impacts from waste incineration
WATER LICENSE TERM

- LKDFN believes 15 years is too long
- LKDFN values processes such as this one
- LKDFN would appreciate another similar opportunity during mine operation
FREQUENCY AND METHODS OF ENGAGEMENT

- LKDFN appreciates efforts by Diavik through actions such as site visits
- Lutsel K’e residents are very concerned about impacts from mining
- LKDFN requests longer engagement periods
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE USE

- LKDFN highly values traditional knowledge
- LKDFN would like more information as to how traditional knowledge has influenced mine operations
- LKDFN would like to see TK as influential as Western science
IMPACTS FROM WASTE INCINERATION

- LKDFN is concerned about deposition of pollutants in lake sediments (Wilson 2011, Environment Canada)

- Dioxins are especially concerning

- LKDFN requests clarification of the toxicity of emissions and the possibility of water contamination
CLOSING

In closing, LKDFN does not oppose the renewal of this water license, provided that the above concerns are addressed.