



## **Agenda for Ekati Closure Criteria Workshop (W2020L2-0004) Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) V3.1**

**November 30 – December 2, 2021 – Chateau Nova – Caribou Room**

### **Workshop Purpose**

This technical workshop is meant to provide an open and collaborative forum where parties can discuss their concerns and ask questions about the closure criteria proposed in Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd (Arctic)'s October 26, 2021 submission.<sup>1</sup> It is the Board's hope that an open and collaborative discussion will increase each party's understanding of the issues and the perspectives of others. Although it would be ideal if as many issues as possible were resolved during this session, Parties are not bound by comments made during the workshop. Please note that this technical workshop is not a public hearing; Board members and their legal counsel will not be participating.

As a result of the current Covid-19 situation, the Workshop will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom format. Participants attending in person will be required to:

- Complete the WLWB's screening protocol and provide proof of vaccination and photo ID upon arrival;
- Bring a mask that must be worn when not seated or unable to maintain physical distancing (i.e., 6ft/2m from another person); and
- Sign in each day and provide contact information should subsequent contract tracing be required.

### **Workshop Objectives**

1. Develop a shared understanding of the timing of future progressive and final reclamation activities;
2. Obtain feedback from participants on the closure criteria that have been proposed by Arctic;
3. Identify options for next steps and associated timing for the development of final closure criteria; and
4. Identify if there are benefits in having a public review in advance of submission Version 3.1 of the CRP; and
5. Develop a shared understanding of the [Effective Neutralization Potential Report](#) and how findings will affect non-Jay WRSAs.

Participants are asked to arrive or join virtually by 8:45am each day, as the workshop will be starting at 9:00 am each day. Breaks will take place throughout the day as needed and coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

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<sup>1</sup> See [WLWB Online Review System \(ORS\)](#) for [Ekati - CRP Version 3.1 - Presubmission Information Package - Part 1 - Nov 5 21.pdf](#) and [Ekati - CRP Version 3.1 - Presubmission Information Package - Part 2 - ENP Investigation Report - Oct 26 21.pdf](#)



Note: The agenda has been created based on information available at this time and is subject to change. Please note that the times provided below are all approximate.

**Workshop Materials**

Arctic provided the following information to address the Board’s [September 30, 2021 Reasons for Decision](#):

- [Part 1](#) – Reclamation Research Plans, Objectives and Criteria Tables, Criteria Workplan, Revision in Response to WLWB Direction, Record of Engagement
- [Part 2](#) - Effective Neutralizing Potential Report

Parties are expected to review the materials in advanced and come prepared to discuss.

**Workshop Agenda**

For the discussion topic of each Closure Objective, Arctic will present:

- Proposed Closure Criteria
- Proposed Closure Actions
- Proposed Measurement/Monitoring
- Proposed Workplan to develop Final Closure Criteria, if applicable

Following each presentation, Board staff will facilitate a discussion to understand Parties thoughts on:

- Whether the proposed criteria are consistent with the [Closure Guidelines](#);
- Whether the Criteria Work Plan includes the steps to collect all necessary information;
- Whether the final criteria are proposed to be developed in an appropriate timeframe; and
- Whether it is clear how the proposed measurement and monitoring will measure the success of selected closure activities in meeting the closure objectives.

**Day 1: November 30, 2021**

TIME (MST)	TOPIC	LEAD
8:45-9:00	Arrival (coffee and snacks will be provided)	
9:00-9:30	Welcome and Opening Prayer  Roundtable Introductions and Parties’ Expectations for the Event  Health and Safety  Overview of Workshop Objectives and Agenda	WLWB



9:30-10:15	Ekati Update, and Review of ICRP Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site Update</li> <li>• Update on Mine Plan, including major closure activities and upcoming progressive reclamation (e.g., prior to December 2024)</li> <li>• ICRP process, structure, and guidelines</li> </ul>	Arctic
10:15-10:30	BREAK	
10:30-11:45	Underground Objectives [UG1 to UG2]	Arctic
11:45-13:00	LUNCH	
13:00-14:30	Effective Neutralization Potential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of report findings</li> <li>• Technical discussions</li> </ul>	Arctic
14:30-14:45	BREAK	
14:45-15:30	Effective Neutralization Potential (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical discussions</li> </ul>	Arctic
15:45-16:00	Review of Actions from the Day	Arctic

**Day 2: December 1, 2021**

TIME (MST)	TOPIC	LEAD
8:45-9:00	Arrival (coffee and snacks will be provided)	
09:00-09:15	Introductions and Recap from Day 1	WLWB
09:15-10:45	Open Pit Objectives [OP1 to OP7]	Arctic
10:45-11:00	BREAK	
11:00-11:45	Infrastructure Objectives [BI1 to BI4]	Arctic
11:45-13:00	LUNCH (not provided)	
13:00-14:30	Waste Rock Storage Areas Objectives [WR1 to WR5]	Arctic
14:30-14:45	BREAK	



14:45-16:00	Water Management Infrastructure Objectives [WM1 to WM5]	Arctic
16:00-16:15	Review of Actions from the Day	Arctic

**Day 3: December 2, 2021**

TIME (MST)	TOPIC	LEAD
8:45-9:00	Arrival (coffee and snacks will be provided)	
09:00-09:15	Introductions and Recap from Day 2	WLWB
9:15-10:30	LLCF Objectives [LLCF1 to LLCF6]	Arctic
10:30-10:45	BREAK	
10:45-11:45	Site Wide Objectives [SW1 to SW10]	Arctic
11:45-13:00	LUNCH (not provided)	
13:00-13:30	Site Wide Objectives [SW1 to SW10] (continued)	Arctic
13:30-14:30	Address Parking Lot Items	Arctic
14:30-14:45	BREAK	
14:45-15:45	Address Parking Lot Items (continued)	Arctic
15:15-15:45	Review of Actions from the Workshop  Discuss potential option for public review in advance of submission Version 3.1 of the CRP	Arctic
15:45-16:00	Close Workshop	WLWB