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Staff Report

Applicant: De Beers Canada Inc.	
Location: Kennady Lake, NT	Application: MV2005C0032 and MV2005L2-0015
Date Prepared: February 23, 2015	Meeting Date: March 30, 2015
Subject: Engagement Plan	

1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this Report is to present to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB or the Board) the Engagement Plan (Plan) for consideration for approval, as submitted by De Beers Canada Inc. (De Beers) under Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2005C0032 and Water Licence (Licence) MV2005L2-0015.

2. Background

- August 11, 2014 – Board approves and issues the Permit to De Beers and submits recommendation for approval of the Licence to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources;
- September 23, 2014 – Minister of Environment and Natural Resources approves Licence;
- September 24, 2014 – Board issues Licence to De Beers;
- January 14, 2015 – De Beers submits an updated Plan, and Plan is sent out for review;
- February 20, 2015 – Review comments due;
- February 27, 2015 – De Beers' responses due; and
- March 30, 2015 – Plan presented to the Board.

3. Discussion

Engagement Plan (Plan)

On November 28, 2013 De Beers submitted the Plan with their Updated Project Description package following the completion of their Environmental Impact Review. Throughout the regulatory process, various comments and recommendations were made in relation to the Plan.

Part B, item 11 of the Licence states that “Within ninety (90) days following issuance of this Licence, the Licensee shall submit a revised **Engagement**

Plan to the Board for approval, in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's June 2013, or subsequent editions, *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits.*"

Condition 89 of the Permit states that "The Permittee shall submit a revised **Engagement Plan**, to the Board for approval, in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's June 2013, or subsequent editions, *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits.*"

De Beers submitted the Plan (Version 2) on January 14, 2015 to align with the Board's *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits* (Guidelines) and to reflect feedback received from Aboriginal parties regarding their preferred methods of engagement.

4. Comments

Not applicable.

5. Reviewer Comments

On January 14, 2015 the Plan was sent to the distribution list for review. The only reviewer to submit a comment was the GNWT – Environment and Natural Resources with a no comment letter.

6. Security

Not applicable.

7. Conclusion

Board staff concludes that the Engagement Plan is in conformity with the Board's Guidelines.

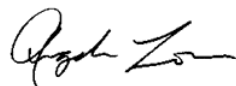
8. Recommendation

Board staff recommends that the Board approve the Engagement Plan (Version 2).

9. Attachments

- [Engagement Plan](#)
- Reviewer Comment Letter
- Draft Decision Letter

Respectfully Submitted,



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February 20, 2015

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Dear Ms. Love,

**Re: DeBeers Canada Inc.
Gahcho Kue – MV2005C0032
Engagement Plan-Version 2
Request for Review and Comment**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has reviewed the plan at reference based on its mandated responsibilities under the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Forest Management Act*, the *Forest Protection Act*, the *Waters Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and has no comments or recommendations at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Clancy, Environmental Regulatory Analyst at 920-6118 or email at patrick.clancy@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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