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### Staff Report

<b>Applicant:</b> De Beers Canada Ltd.	
<b>Location:</b> Kennady Lake, NT	<b>Application:</b> MV2005L2-0015
<b>Date Prepared:</b> February 21, 2014	<b>Meeting Date:</b> March 7, 2014
<b>Subject:</b> Gahcho Kue Draft Water Licence Conditions	

#### 1. Purpose/Report Summary

The purpose of this staff report is to seek direction from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board or MVLWB) on when the draft Water Licence (WL) conditions should be distributed for review for De Beers Canada Ltd. (De Beers) Type A WL application MV2005L2-0015.

#### 2. Background

- November 24, 2005 – LUP MV2005C0032 and WL MV2005L2-0015 applications submitted to the Board;
- December 22, 2005 – LUP MV2005C0032 and WL MV2005L2-0015 applications referred to Environmental Assessment (EA) by Environment Canada (EC);
- January 4, 2006 – Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) commenced EA (EA 0506-008);
- June 12, 2006 – MVEIRB ordered an Environmental Impact Review (EIR 0607-001);
- July 19, 2013 – MVEIRB released its Report of EIR and Reasons for Decision;
- October 22, 2013 – Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) approved EIR;
- October 22, 2013 – Letter from Board Staff to De Beers regarding Submission Requirements for Mining and Milling Water Licence and Land Use Permit Applications;
- November 28, 2013 – Additional information received from De Beers;

- December 9, 2013 – Review initiated;
- January 16, 2014 – Review comments due;
- January 27, 2014 – De Beers responses due;
- February 11-13, 2014 – Technical Sessions; and
- February 17, 2014 – Information Requests issued.

### **3. Discussion**

As noted above, Board staff seeks direction from the Board on when the draft WL conditions should be publicly distributed. Typically, the Board has distributed the first draft following the public hearing. Distributing the first draft before interventions are due (April 7, 2014) may be more efficient since interventions can be more focussed on Licence conditions.

### **4. Comments**

n/a

### **5. Review Comments**

n/a

### **6. Security**

n/a

### **7. Conclusion**

n/a

### **8. Recommendation**

Board staff recommends that the Board:

- a) Direct Board staff to publicly distribute the draft WL conditions as per the existing work plan date (March 10, 2014); or
- b) Direct Board staff to not distribute the draft WL conditions until after the public hearing (May 5-9, 2014).

### **9. Attachments**

- [Work Plan](#)
- Draft Issuance Letter

Respectfully submitted,



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