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Hello Anneli,

Please find attached ENR's comments on the draft work plan for Diavik Type A WL Amendment - Progressive Reclamation (W2015L2-0001) due on Nov 4, 2021. Apologies for the late response in getting these to you, there have been some new staffing changes at GWNT:ENR and these draft comments got missed. (Patrick recently retired and I have just started as a new Environmental Assessment Analyst). Please follow-up with me if there are any questions.

All the best,

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## **Topic: Pre-Hearing Conference & Intervention Deadlines**

### **Comment:**

The draft work plan outlines that the Pre-Hearing Conference will occur on February 7, 2022 and the deadline for interventions is February 15, 2022. ENR notes that having the Pre-Hearing Conference after the deadline for interventions would allow the Board to identify which parties have submitted interventions and allow parties to have a better idea whether they intend to attend the public hearing and how long they require to present their intervention to the Board.

For reference, ENR refers to the recent work plans from the MVLWB for [Pine Point Mining Ltd](#) and the [City of Yellowknife](#) where the Pre-Hearing Conference was held a few days after the intervention deadline. As stated above, it is ENR's opinion that this allows for a much more well-informed and effective Pre-Hearing Conference.

ENR is supportive of the rest of the dates proposed in the workplan.

### **Recommendation:**

ENR recommends the Pre-Hearing Conference occur after the deadline for interventions.