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TECHNICAL SESSION AGENDA

Water Licence Renewal Application	
File Number	W2025L2-0001
Company	Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc.
Project	Diavik – Water Licence Renewal
Location	Lac de Gras, NT
Activity	Mining and Milling

Technical Session Information	
Location(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person at Chief Drygeese Conference Center, Dettah, NT Virtual via Zoom – to join, please contact Marie-Ève Cyr at (867) 765-4584 or email for participation details.
Date(s)	April 15, 2025: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm April 16, 2025: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm April 17, 2025: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Anyone planning to attend in person should notify Marie-Ève Cyr at (867) 765-4584 or email by April 2, 2025.	

Purpose:

This Technical Session (Session) is meant to provide a forum where Parties can discuss their concerns about the Water Licence Renewal Application (the Application) directly with Diavik Diamond Mines (2012) Inc. (DDMI, the Applicant) and their consultants. It is the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board's (Board's) hope that such a discussion, as facilitated by Board staff, will increase each Party's understanding of the issues as well as of the perspectives of others. In our experience, technical sessions and workshops can be useful both in focussing the content of parties' subsequent interventions to the public hearing and in reducing the number of outstanding issues between parties. Although it would be helpful if some issues are resolved during this Session, there is no requirement to do so; Board staff will guide questions and discussions to ensure Parties have sufficient information to submit evidence that the Board can use to establish the Water Licence conditions. Discussions at this Session may also reveal the need for written information requests (IRs) to the Applicant or other Parties. Parties are encouraged to request IRs to clarify aspects of the Application or to ensure commitments are clear.¹ The Work Plan for this regulatory

¹ In accordance with the LWB [Rules of Procedure](#), the Board may issue an IR to any Party at any point during the proceeding. A Party that wishes to issue an IR to another Party at a point other than those designated in the work plan must submit the proposed IR to the Board for consideration.

proceeding includes time for Parties to fulfill IRs, if required, prior to the deadline for public hearing interventions.

Please note that a technical session is not a public hearing, and Board members and their legal counsel will not be participating. It is the Board’s wish that this Session be as informal as possible to promote discussion. This Session is being transcribed, and IRs may be issued as noted above; however, all participants should be aware that opinions and positions expressed during this Session are not binding – final recommendations for the Water Licence should be made in the formal written interventions submitted to the Board prior to the Public Hearing.

General Reminders:

- All presenters and anyone who wants to test their virtual participation are asked to join in a test run at 8:45 am each day to ensure that there are no audio, video, or screen-sharing issues.
- Limited copies of any materials will be available at the Session. Participants should download all relevant documents, such as presentations, from the Board’s Public Registry in advance ([W2025L2-0001](#)). Note that DDMI has provided additional documents as part of its responses to public review comments; these can be accessed through the [Online Review System](#). This is especially important if a participant is dialing in by phone and not participating via videoconference.
- Participants should state their name and organization **each time** they speak to ensure the Session is accurately transcribed.
- The schedule and timelines of the Technical Session are at the discretion of the facilitator.
- There will be breaks in the morning, over lunch, and in the afternoon.

Agenda:

All times are approximate. The Applicant will provide short introductory presentations to help initiate discussion for each topic listed below. Participants are encouraged to have questions prepared for each topic and take the opportunity to follow up on issues raised in the [Review Summary Table](#). References to specific reviewer comments from the Review Summary Table are provided in the agenda below, and the following abbreviations are used in these references.

Abbreviation	Reviewer
TG	Tłı̨chq̓ Government
YKDFN	Yellowknives Dene First Nation
DKFN	Denínu Kų́é First Nation
LKDFN	Łútsəl K’é Dene First Nation
EMAB	Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board
GNWT-ECC	Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Climate Change
DFO	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
ECCC	Environment and Climate Change Canada
WLWB	Wek’èezhì Land and Water Board

Day 1: April 15, 2025

Time	Topic	Review Comment References
8:30 – 9:00 am	Arrival Time and Test Run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) Coffee and snacks provided 	
9:00 – 9:20 am	Round Table Introductions and Opening Statements (Board staff)	
9:20 – 9:30 am	Project Description - Project Overview by Applicant	
9:30 am – 4:00 pm (Break is scheduled as required. Lunch 12pm – 1pm provided.)	Reconnection of Natural Drainage – Collection Pond System - Applicant Presentation (20 mins)	
	Closure activities schedule	TG: ID-8 WLWB Staff: ID-70
	Considerations prior to Decommissioning	TG: ID-2, 4 YKDFN: ID-8 EMAB: ID-4, 6, 10
	Regulatory mechanism: Effluent Quality Criteria (EQC) vs. Closure Criteria	TG: ID-17 GNWT-ECC: ID-2, 3 WLWB staff: ID-47
	Parameters Of Potential Concern (POPC) Screening	DKFN: ID-16, 17, 18 TG: ID-14 GNWT-ECC: ID-12 and 13 WLWB staff: ID-20, 23, 24, 27, 28
	EQC / Closure Surface Runoff and Seepage Criteria (numeric)	YKDFN: ID-2 DKFN: ID-1, 8, 9, 15, 19 TG: ID-7, 12, 13, 15 GNWT-ECC: ID-14, 15 ECCC: ID-12 WLWB staff: ID-19, 25, 26
	Mixing zones water quality and size predictions	TG: ID-1, 3, 6 DKFN: ID-3 EMAB: ID-17 WLWB staff: ID-18, 21, 22
	Surveillance Network Program (SNP) stations applying to collection ponds	DKFN: ID-12, 13 EMAB: ID-13 GNWT-ECC: ID-8, 9, 10 ECCC: ID-4, 6, 7 WLWB staff: ID-87, 88
	Surface Water Action Level Framework (SWALF)	DKFN: ID-21 and 22 EMAB: ID-16 ECCC: ID-5 WLWB staff: ID-32, 66
		Specific Effects Study and other consideration of monitoring data
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Final Comments and Information Requests	
4:00 pm	Day 1 Adjourned	

Day 2: April 16, 2025

Time	Topic	Review Comment References
8:30 – 9:00 am	Arrival Time and Test Run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) • Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) • Coffee and snacks provided 	
9:00 – 9:20 am	Round Table Introductions and Opening Statements (Board staff)	
9:20 – 9:40 am	Continuation of Discussion from Day 1	
9:40 am – 4:00 pm (Break is scheduled as required. Lunch 12pm – 1pm provided.)	Reconnection of Natural Drainage – Pits and North Inlet Dams - Applicant Presentation (10 mins)	
	Requirements prior to breaching	TG: ID-11 ECCC: ID-3 WLWB staff: ID-49, 50, 51, 69
	In-lake closure work and applicable SNP stations	YKDFN: ID-4 DKFN: ID-4, 5, 10 EMAB: ID-7, 12 ECCC: ID-2, 3 GNWT-ECC: ID-6 WLWB staff: ID-33
	Closure Sewage Treatment Plant - Applicant Presentation (10 mins)	
	EQC and water quality predictions	DKFN: ID-6 EMAB: ID-1, 2, 5, 8, 9 GNWT-ECC: ID-5 WLWB staff: ID-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 17
	Process toward discharge	WLWB staff: ID-9, 10
	SNP stations	DKFN: ID-11
	Contingencies	WLWB staff: ID-12
	Closure Criteria - Applicant Presentation (15 mins)	
	Site Wide (SW) 2-1: Measure of stability	DKFN: ID-14 GNWT-ECC: ID-11 ECCC: ID-8, 9
	SW2-3	EMAB: ID-15 ECCC: ID-8, 10, 11
	Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program	YKDFN: ID-4 GNWT-ECC: ID-4 ECCC: ID-1
	Other considerations	YKDFN: ID-2, 7
		Performance Assessment Report
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Any Outstanding Comments/Concerns and Information Requests	
4:00 pm	Meeting Adjourned	

Day 3: April 17, 2025

Time	Topic	Review Comment References
8:30 – 9:00 am	Arrival Time and Test Run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect on Zoom (for those joining virtually) • Audio/video/screensharing test run (for those joining virtually and for presenters) • Coffee and snacks provided 	
9:00 – 9:20 am	Round Table Introductions and Opening Statements (Board staff)	
9:20 – 9:40 am	Continuation of Discussion from Day 2	
9:40 am – 4:00 pm (Break is scheduled as required. Lunch 12pm – 1pm provided.)	Traditional Knowledge - Applicant Presentation (15 mins)	
	Closure Considerations and Traditional Knowledge Management Plan (TKMP)	YKDFN: ID-1 LKDFN: ID-2 EMAB: ID-3 WLWB staff: ID-53
	Cultural Use Criteria	TG: ID-10 YKDFN: ID-5, 6 DKFN: ID-20 LKDFN: ID-1
	HHERA assumptions	YKDFN: ID-3
	Water Users	DKFN: ID-2 WLWB staff: ID-46
	Licence Conditions and Requirements - Applicant Presentation (10 mins)	
	Definitions and terminology	DKFN: ID-7 WLWB staff: ID-8, 13, 36, 41, 47, 48, 54, 59, 60, 61, 62, 86, 93, 96
	Toxicity testing	EMAB: ID-11 WLWB staff: ID-75, 76, 91, 92
	pH	WLWB staff: ID-37
	Final Closure and Reclamation Plan	TG: ID-16 WLWB staff: ID-45, 99, 100
	SNP stations (except ones applying to collection ponds and dam breaching)	GNWT-ECC: ID-7 WLWB staff: ID-35, 39, 40, 73, 74, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 89, 90
	Management plans and monitoring programs	WLWB staff: ID-11, 34, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 68
	Standard licence conditions	WLWB staff: ID-42, 43, 64, 67, 94, 95, 97, 98
	Water Use	WLWB staff: ID-65
	Housekeeping	WLWB staff: ID-38, 44, 63
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Any Outstanding Comments/Concerns and Information Requests	
4:00 pm	Meeting Adjourned	

Logistics for Remote Participation:

Set-up:

- Each participant should prepare and test their video and audio ahead of time, and each time they log in to the session, to ensure their devices are functioning properly and are fully charged or plugged in.
- Zoom will download automatically when the participant starts or joins the first Zoom meeting and is also available for manual download [here](#). Participants should download the current version of Zoom before the Session to ensure all functions are available.
- For assistance using Zoom, participants can review the following [Zoom Video Tutorials](#).
- To participate only by phone, participants can call one of the Zoom teleconference lines (provided in the Zoom link from Board staff).
- Participants that are experiencing technical difficulties due to poor internet connections can limit videoconference participation to audio only or call in by phone as noted above.
- Each participant is asked to use the following as their screen name: first and last name, followed by the acronym of their respective organization (e.g., Paula Green – WLWB)
 - This can be accomplished by selecting the three dots in the upper right-hand portion of the viewing pane and selecting “rename.”
- Each organization will need to identify a representative, who will act as the liaison for all participants in that organization during the session. Each organization should provide their representative’s contact information to Board staff prior to the session (or to the facilitator at the start of the session if not known in advance).
- [Screensharing](#) in Zoom will be used during presentations. The presenter will share their screen to display their presentation (note that this can be done by Board Staff instead if requested in advance). Presenters should state the document name and page numbers to ensure all participants can follow along.

Etiquette:

- A session facilitator will guide the order of presentations, turn-taking, time limits, and breaks. To minimize disruption, participants are asked to follow all instructions on turn-taking, and only speak when the facilitator has indicated it is their turn. Each organization/participant will be given opportunities to speak.
- If a participant would like to speak or has a follow-up question, they can use the Zoom group chat (visible to everyone) to notify the facilitator, who will add them to the speaking order.
 - DO NOT USE the ‘Raise Hand’ function, since it will not be monitored.
- To minimize background noises and feedback, participants should always keep their microphone/headset muted when not speaking. Participants should **only unmute when the facilitator has indicated it is their turn to speak.**
- The Zoom meeting will be recorded to ensure the transcription is accurate. **In accordance with privacy legislation, participants must not record the session or take screen shots.**

- A remote session can cause participation fatigue. The Board appreciates participants' professionalism, cooperation, and collaboration during the session.

Technical Difficulties:

- In the event of a disruption to the session or technical difficulties, Board staff will contact the representative of each organization by cell phone, text, or e-mail to communicate the contingency plan if necessary.
- If a participant is having technical difficulties, they should notify the representative of their organization. The representative should contact Board staff directly or through the Zoom group chat.