

DE BEERS GROUP

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Cory Barker
Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board
Via email: cbarker@nirb.ca

Dear Mr. Barker:

Re: Receipt of Comments on Chidliak Diamond Mine Project Proposal Screening

On September 7, 2022 De Beers submitted a project proposal (Application No. 125714) to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the Chidliak Diamond Mine. NIRB determined that the project proposal was complete and subsequently distributed it for public review on September 15. Comments were due on October 6.

De Beers submitted the project proposal at an early stage of project planning, the pre-feasibility phase, specifically to seek input from interested Parties and identify any synergies with the proposed new technologies. We are pleased to see that several organizations took the time to review and provide comments on the proposal. We would like to thank the QIA, CIRNAC, ECCC, GN, and QWB for their thoughtful comments and recommendations. Each of these submissions will be considered carefully as we further refine the set of options for the final design. As part of this process, we intend to reach out to each of these organizations, as well as other organizations in the region, to seek further input and ideas on how to best minimize the potential impacts of the project while also realizing the opportunity that this project presents.

We look forward to working with NIRB staff and reviewers in the coming weeks and months as the screening process is completed and the scoping phase is initiated. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at sarah.mclean@debeersgroup.com or 867-688-9227.

Sincerely,



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