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Aboriginal Consultation: Decision About Whether to Approve the Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan for the Diavik Diamond Mine

In a letter dated September 18, 2020, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) informed Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (DDMI) that they were required under Section 95 of the *Wildlife Act* to submit an updated Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) for approval by the Minister of ENR. ENR received DDMI's updated WMMP on April 1, 2021 and a [public review](#) of the document was initiated through ENR's *Have Your Say* website.

An email notification was sent to an email distribution list consisting of government agencies and Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations party to the Environmental Agreement and regulatory boards, as well as public notifications through social media. The public comment period closed on June 25, 2021. Comments were received from the Government of Northwest Territories (GNWT), the Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board (EMAB), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). DDMI's responses to the comments were circulated on October 18, 2021 and posted to the [ENR WMMP Resources page](#). DDMI submitted a final version of the Tier 3 WMMP for ENR approval on November 8, 2021.

Prior to deciding whether to approve the WMMP, ENR would like to ensure that Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations do not have any concerns about the potential for the mitigation and monitoring measures outlined in the WMMP to impact their asserted or established Aboriginal and/or treaty rights.

Please review the November 08, 2021, version of the WMMP and advise ENR if you feel any of the proposed actions to be undertaken by DDMI in the WMMP for the Diavik Mine has the potential to adversely impact your asserted or established Aboriginal and/or treaty rights. In your comments we request that you clearly identify the right that has the potential to be affected, and any proposed modifications to the WMMP.

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Due to the large size of the files, a copy of the WMMP will be sent to your organization through our Secure File Transfer site by way of a separate e-mail. Please note that the links to download these reports expire after 4 days.

We ask that comments be provided to Dr. James Hodson, Manager, Environmental Assessment and Habitat, by March 4, 2022. Dr. Hodson is the designated departmental contact person should you have any questions or concerns regarding the WMMP and can be contacted by phone at (867) 767-9237, extension 53227 or by email at James.Hodson@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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