

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXCEL TEMPLATE:

1. Do not leave blank rows above or between comments.
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3. Each comment must have an associated topic and recommendation.
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<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
<i>Be as specific as you think is appropriate; for example a section or page of the document, a recommendation #, general comment, etc.</i>	<i>Comments should contain all the information needed for the proponent and the Board to understand the rationale for the accompanying recommendation.</i>	<i>Recommendations can be for the proponent or for the Board. Recommendations should be as specific as possible, relating the issues raised in the "comment" column to an action that you believe is necessary.</i>
1.2 Referral to Environmental Assessment, top of page 4	"The kimberlite would be processed at the existing Ekati processing plant, which is approximately 25 km north of the proposed Project site and approximately 150 km east of the community of Wekweti." It would be more correct to indicate that the processing plant is northwest of the Project site than north.	Replace "north" with "northwest".
s. 1.2 Referral to Environmental Assessment, top of page 4	"In October 2013, the Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board received applications for a Type A Land Use Permit W2013L2-0002 and a Type A Water Licence W2013D-0007 for the Jay-Cardinal Project." The application numbers appear to have been switched.	Switch the Land Use Permit and Water Licence application numbers.
2.3 Public Engagement, top of page 6	"to incorporate traditional knowledge from Aboriginal culture holders as a tool to collect information on and evaluate the specific impacts required in this Terms of Reference." In other parts of the Terms of Reference, Traditional Knowledge is capitalized.	Use consistent capitalization of the term "Traditional Knowledge".
2.4 Summary Points, bullet 1, page 7	"1. Plain language, non-technical summaries of the Developer's Assessment Report in English, Chipewyan, Inuvialuktun, Tlicho and Weledeh;". Inuvialuktun should be replaced by Inuinnaqtun to reflect the language spoken by Kitikmeot Inuit.	Replace "Inuvialuktun" with "Inuinnaqtun".

3.2.3 Key Lines of Inquiry, top of page 10	<p>"Four Key Lines of Inquiry pertaining to the biophysical environment and one Key Line of Inquiry for the human environment were identified for the Ekati Mine extension:" There will be some consideration of socio-economic considerations in the analysis of alternative means of carrying out the project as shown in s. 7.3.4. It may be more correct to say that one Key Line of Inquiry cuts across both the biophysical and human environment, in that Analysis of alternative means should involve an informed discussion and debate around the relative trade-offs of the various alternatives considered.</p>	Indicate that Key Line of Inquiry 4 cuts across both the biophysical and human environments.
3.4 Geographic Scope, item 5, page 11	<p>"5. Any underground aquifers leading to Lac du Gras from the Jay-Cardinal mine;" It may be more accurate to state Jay-Cardinal Project rather than potentially limit the Developer to underground aquifers associated with the mined area alone.</p>	Change "Jay-Cardinal mine" to "Jay-Cardinal Project".
7.3.1.1 Impacts to water quality from project components, item 1, first bullet, page 24	<p>"construction activities including lake drawdown and water diversions;" The Agency would like to ensure that this bullet covers the changes in water levels that may be associated with drawdown and diversion (including any elevation changes to the Duchess Lake-Paul Lake diversion) that may result in a transfer of mercury from soils and rock to water.</p>	Add the following to the end of this bullet "(including any potential for mercury leaching from soil or rock)".
7.3.2 Impacts to fish and fish habitat from project components, pages 26-27	<p>There does not appear to be a bullet that would capture potential effects on fish species and populations that have strong site fidelity to lake spawning grounds or spawning streams (e.g., grayling). These species or populations may be cut off from those sites by the drained portion of Lac du Savage and there may be impacts to reproductive success.</p>	Add a bullet to the list as follows: "changes to water levels that may impact access to preferred fish spawning areas and any resulting effects on reproductive success".
7.3.4 Analysis of Alternative Means, page 28	<p>Form the discussion at the Jay-Cardinal Technical Session, we understood that DDEC would prepare and distribute a discussion paper on alternatives assessment (see page 8 of the summary notes as prepared by the Review Board staff). We understood that this discussion paper would be circulated prior to comments on this Draft Terms of Reference.</p>	The company should circulate the discussion paper on alternatives assessment as discussed at the Jay-Cardinal Technical Session.

7.3.4 Analysis of Alternative Means, page 28	To ensure that all of the interested parties are on-side and to build support for the integrity of the alternatives assessment, the Agency understood that the underground-only option would be kept on the table for consideration, at least initially, as part of the alternatives assessment.	Include the all underground mining option as an alternative to be considered during the multiple accounts analysis.
Appendix B	The joint Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley and AANDC "Guidelines for the Closure and Reclamation of Advanced Mineral Exploration and Mine Sites in the Northwest Territories" appears to have been left off the list of guidelines that should be considered by the Developer.	Add the "Guidelines for the Closure and Reclamation of Advanced Mineral Exploration and Mine Sites in the Northwest Territories" to Appendix B.