# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



## THE BOARD

#### NO CHANGE IN DIRECTORS

ONE VACANCY

NO STAFF CHANGES



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## ANNUAL REPORT







#### APR'21

AD Annual Reports

JUN'21

Application

Point Lake Project:

#### NOV'21

Point Lake Project

Public Hearing

#### DEC'21

Closure Criteria & Effective NP Workshop

#### MAR'22

Point Lake Project: Recommendation to the Minister

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

## SUMMARY OF 2021-22





## ACTIVITIES & EXPLORATION

- Continued ore production from Sable and Pigeon open pits and Misery underground
- No exploration completed



## POINT LAKE PROJECT

- Applications submitted to WLWB and DFO
- IEMA's main concerns were related to wildlife and waste rock
- Arctic Diamond worked with stakeholders to address concerns and develop mitigations
- Amended water licence, land use permit and Fisheries Authorization was issued in Spring 2022



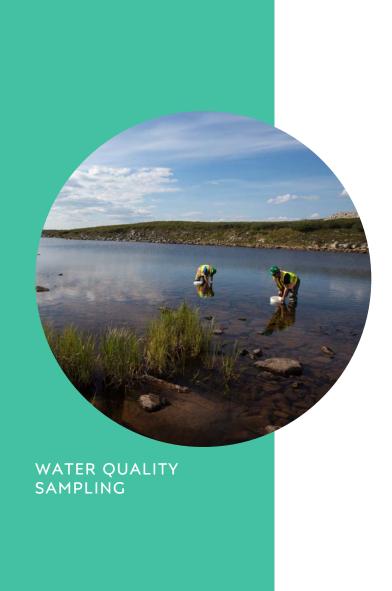
The 2021 Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program documents wildlife presence and Arctic Diamond's management strategies at site



#### **RECOMMENDATION #1**

Arctic Diamond should work with stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of the current caribou mitigation measures

## WILDLIFE EFFECTS & RECOMMENDATION



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## AQUATIC EFFECTS

- Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program (AEMP) monitors and reports changes to the downstream aquatic environment from the mine
- No new increasing trends in water quality downstream from the Long Lake Containment Facility (LLCF) or King Pond Settling Facility (KPSF)
- Selenium levels continue to rise in lake bottom sediments in Leslie, Moose and Nema lakes



## AIR QUALITY

- Air Quality Monitoring Program continued in 2021-22
- Includes monitoring of meteorological conditions (temperature, wind and precipitation), air emissions and dustfall



SABLE WRSA

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#### WASTE ROCK MANAGEMENT & RECOMMENDATION



#### **RECOMMENDATION #2**

Arctic Diamond should re-initiate monitoring of mined waste rock at Sable Pit. This would be consistent with modern best mining practices



#### **RECOMMENDATION #3**

Arctic Diamond should evaluate and identify alternate reference sites to measure seepage as they continue to show influence from nearby mining activities.



#### **RECOMMENDATION #4**

Arctic Diamond should install instruments to monitor surface and subsurface flow at selected long-term seepage locations. They should also investigate other key factors that influence water balance in waste rock piles.



TWO-ROCK SEDIMENTATION POND

## WASTEWATER & PK MANAGEMENT

- All wastewater is sent to 1 of 4 wastewater management facilities, water is tested before being discharged to adjacent lakes and streams
- There was an emergency discharge at the Two-Rock Sedimentation Pond in October 2021
- WLWB and the Agency agree this emergency discharge could have been avoided through better regulatory planning.



**BEARTOOTH PIT** 

#### CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION

The current Interim Closure Reclamation Plan is in the process of being updated. Ekati's current endof-mine life is scheduled for 2029.



#### **RECOMMENDATION #5**

Arctic Diamond should develop and include numerical closure criteria in an updated version of the Closure and Reclamation Plan



#### **RECOMMENDATION #6**

Arctic Diamond should work with regulators to set up more effective ways and regulatory conditions to schedule and implement progressive reclamation



## TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

IEMA would like to see more TK and community input in Ekati programs. This includes the assessment and monitoring for:

- Aquatic environments
- Wildlife monitoring and mitigation
- Closure planning

## ASSESSMENT OF REGULATORS

#### DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS

FAA process should be more transparent with the stakeholders involved

GNWT: ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Overall participation in Point Lake Project process was good Input specifically for wildlife in the Point Lake Project was disappointing

#### ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA

Response to request to reduce Metal and Diamond Mining Effluent Regulations sampling frequencies was appropriate, clear and well supported.

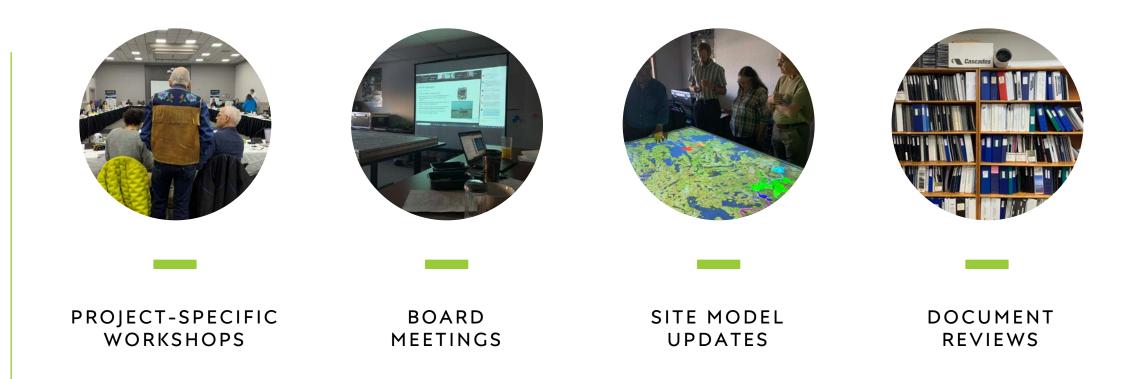


### ASSESSMENT OF ARCTIC DIAMOND

- Maintained compliance with its water licence and land use permits
- Continued most of the monitoring programs despite COVID-19 related events
- The Agency continues to be concerned over delays in submitting important reports and updated plans



## AGENCY ACTIVITIES





## THANK YOU

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