## Annual General Meeting of the Society of the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency

# **Summary of Discussion**

Hosted from the IEMA Board Room (203, 5006 Franklin Ave, Yellowknife, NT)

Thursday November 24, 2022

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Agency Directors:**

Emery Paquin (Chair)
Ron Allen (Vice-chair)
Kim Poole\* (Secretary-treasurer)
Tim Byers
Jesse Jasper\*

### **Agency Staff:**

Marc Casas – Executive Director Jamie Mistry – Communications Specialist

### **Arctic Canadian Diamond Company:**

Sheila Chernys – Head of Health, Safety, Security, Environment & Communities, Harry O'Keefe – Superintendent Environment Dustin Chaffee\* – Regulatory Applications Manager

#### **GNWT – Environment & Natural Resources:**

Laurie McGregor - Environmental Assessment Analyst

### **Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA):**

**Tannis Bolt** 

### North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA):

Noah Johnson - Lead Regulatory Officer

## Tłycho Government (TG):

Violet Camsell-Blondin\* - Manager, Lands Regulation Longinus Ekwe\* - Lands Regulatory Specialist

### Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation (LKDFN):

Doris Enzoe

### Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN):

Ryan Miller - Remediation Project Coordinator

Note: The majority of attendees joined in-person. Those who joined virtually via Zoom are denoted with \*.

Meeting opened at 9:04 am

# Welcome and Agenda Approval

Chairperson Emery Paquin started the meeting by acknowledging we were meeting in Chief Drygeese territory and more recently, the homeland of the North Slave Metis Alliance and welcomed everyone to the AGM. An introduction of Directors, Staff and attendees was held. It was acknowledged that quorum was met for the AGM. In the absence of an Elder to perform an opening prayer, a moment of silence was held.

The agenda was reviewed, no additions or changes were suggested.

### Motion 1: Approval of Agenda

- Harry O'Keefe moves to approve the agenda
- Laurie McGregor seconds the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

# Chairperson's Address

Emery Paquin thanked participants for their participation and extended an appreciation for those who were able to join the meeting in person. The Objectives of the Society as established under the Environmental Agreement were summarized and it was confirmed that the AGM is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of IEMA's Bylaws.

# Approval of the Summary of Discussion

The 2021 AGM was held on November 18, 2021. Participants have reviewed the Summary of Discussion and no additions or changes were requested.

Motion 2: Approval of last year's Summary of Discussion

- Laurie McGregor moves to approve the Summary of Discussion
- Harry O'Keefe seconds the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

# Presentation of IEMA's Annual Report

Presentation by Board Vice-Chair, Ron Allen

For further details, please see the presentation.

The presentation provided a summary of the Agency's 2021-2022 Annual Report. This included a review of Agency activities and documents that were reviewed between April 2021 and March 2022. The presentation also reviewed the Agency's recommendations to the company (Arctic Canadian Diamond Company) along with individual assessments of the company and various regulators that the Agency worked with throughout the year. Agency Directors provided clarification on specific recommendations and heard feedback from the company and Society Members on topics related to traditional knowledge gathering and reclamation activities.

# Treasurer's Report

Presentation by Board Secretary Treasurer, Kim Poole

The Agency's Secretary Treasurer reviewed the 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statement and the 2022-2023 Work Plan and budget.

Work Plan – Technical Focus for 2022-2023:

- Water Licence Renewal Application Process
- Point Lake Project Reports
- Aquatics
  - 2021 Aquatic Effects Monitoring Program Annual Report
  - Aquatic Response Framework Various Response plans
  - o AEMP Re-evaluation
- Closure and Reclamation
  - Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan version 3.1
  - Progressive Reclamation
- Wildlife Effects Monitoring Program
  - Wildlife Monitoring and Management Plan
  - Wildlife Telemetry Study

- Waste Rock
  - Point Lake Design Plan and Seepage report
  - Waste Rock Ore Management Plan
- Air Quality
  - Air Quality Monitoring Program report

The Agency's By-Laws require that an Auditor be appointed by Society Members for the ensuing year at each AGM.

**Motion 3:** Appointment of an Auditor for the Agency

- Harry O'Keefe moves to approve the Auditor (EPR)
- Laurie McGregor seconds the Motion
- Motion carried unanimously

## Members' Presentation

## Arctic Canadian Diamond Company Ltd - Presentation by Dustin Chaffee

Arctic Canadian provided an update of the company's current operations and changes to their staff, including those who have changed roles and those new to the company. Arctic Canadian discussed the current life of mine plan and upcoming reports and submission timelines that are expected for the coming year. Following the presentation, Arctic Canadian answered questions about the company's plans for progressive reclamation, the timeline of the Underwater Remote Mining trial, exploration activities, and Ekati's projected life of mine plan.

#### Other Business

No other business was raised

## **Closing Remarks**

Emery Paquin thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

Meeting closed at 10:47 am