

**Inter-Agency Coordinating Team (IACT)  
for Ekati Diamond Project**

January 22, 1999  
DIAND Minerals Boardroom - 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Bellanca  
Meeting # 15

**Attendance:**

Anne Wilson	DOE
Marie Adams	DIAND E&C
Greg Cook	DIAND - Waters
Shannon Pagotto	DIAND - Waters
Laura Hawke	DIAND - Waters
Darren Unrau	DIAND - District
Stephen Traynor	DIAND - Lands
Scott Williams	BHP
Chris Hanks	BHP
John Wittemann	BHP
Janice Traynor	Independent Monitoring Agency
Matt Bender	Independent Monitoring Agency
Kelly Robertson	GNWT - RWED

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

**Stephen Traynor:** Spoke on the applications submitted to the Lands Division. Stephen informed all that the application for the Misery Pipe was accepted but the other applications for new pipes were rejected pending more complete information from BHP

Lands has received BHPs abandonment and Restoration plan and is currently reviewing it. A response will be forthcoming.

**Scott Williams:** Noted the workshops in February on Kimberlite , Wildlife, Aquatic Issues. Annual reports are being prepared, may be early. Community visits were made to the Akaitcho Treaty 8 communities - Ndilo and Lutsel k'e.

Update on Environmental program: Stopped dumping sewage into Kodiak Lake. Sewage is being hauled to Long Lake. Pipeline is expected to be completed soon to transport sewage.

**John Witteman:** One point of discharge over the outlet dam to maintain control. BHP has sent a letter to the NWT WB for parameters to be monitored. A request was made for P to be added. A copy of the letter was not available at the meeting.

**Janice Traynor:** The Agency does not always receive timely information. There is a delay in acquiring info when material is sent first to the WB and then to Agency. Cuts down on time to respond.

**John:** Concerned that issues raised on SMP after the TAC meeting which meant BHP was not a party to these concerns. No chance for BHP to rationalize what they are doing when these discussions happen in isolation.

Workshops: Not as much interest in the Kimberlite Toxicity workshop as the Aquatic and Wildlife sessions. Anne Gunn has notified she will not be able to attend. This is the last chance to influence the 1999 programs.

**Kelly Robertson** noted that others were attending from RWED.

Question on New Pipes, Water Licence.

**John:** Resubmitting applications for Sable, Pigeon and quarry at Ursula Esker.

**Chris Hanks:** Spoke on TK program. Gave credit to the Agency for their assistance. All the aboriginal groups participated. BHP assisting Lutsel Ke' by providing software used in KIA pilot project. Intent is to assist community to acquire capacity to handle the information it receives.

Tentative agreement with the Dogrib to meet in March - Phase II TK program. They've done the field work, but knowledge base not that much further ahead. Met with Yellowknives. Concern over heritage sites. So BHP is involving them with the archeological program this summer.

**Scott;** Winter Road. Tonnage down about 40% from last year.

**Question:** Fuel Traffic - is consumption of fuel down?

**Scott:** Better performance out of plant is probable cause of lowered consumption. BHP is taking a closer look at this.

**Darren Unrau:** Update; On site last Tuesday. Took a look at new exploration camp site near Lac du Savage. It will house workers for bulk sampling this winter for the 3 pipes - Gazelle, Phoenix and Piranha. Piranha is the pipe on border with Diavik lease. Lack of snow hampering winter road construction. Sewage being trucked to Koala sump. De-watering ceased on Koala. There is room for freshette and sewage. BHP working on means of reducing seepage from coarse Kimberlite rejects. The rejects are stockpiled by waste rock pile, in the same footprint. Mesh screens in mill may reduce seepage. Misery Lake road has been started and is approx. 2Km out. Waste rock from Panda being used for road. 4 aerators going in Kodiak, 2 in Little lake. Profiling is continuing all winter.

**Question:** Has there been an effect on Little Lake?

**John:** *There was a faulty probe at this site. Present dissolved Oxygen is up (aeration).* . More at workshop.

**Janice:** Thanks for material received. Pete McCart and Bill Ross will be at the Kimberlite Toxicity session while Francois Messier and Kevin O'Reilly will attend Wildlife Agency facilitated TK workshop. Very positive outcome. Workshop notes being sent to participants. Once finalized these will be distributed to others. Aboriginal groups feel the workshop was a success.

**Matt Bender.** OEMP docs. Received. Appreciated letters of response from David Livingstone on outstanding issues especially Agency role in Diavik Comp. Study. Also received consolidated Federal response to the Annual report. Have started work on the next Annual report. Next Agency Board meeting Feb. 20/21. 1 day will be community consultation - North Slave. Next Newsletter will focus more on Aboriginal concerns. Out late January early February. Directors are reviewing the info. On Licence amendments for new pipes. The Agency has made an intervention on the 'B' licence - letter sent to WB. Akaitcho T8 wants to pull together everything that is being monitored. Wants to input on GIS.

**John:** Table 4 has all monitoring listed. Also see SNP for water licence monitoring requirements. See also Section II Overview document which will have all monitoring and wildlife studies listed.

Janice: In response to request from Marie, Agency does have a list of Regulatory and Environmental Agreement requirements. Will e-mail to all.

**Question** on Misery surface water management, Camp water discharge.

**Scott:** All seepage and any pit water goes to 'King Pond.' Which drains to Lac du Savage. Will put frozen core dam on exit of King Pond. Will discharge only when meet WB criteria. Looking at camp waste water. Trying to minimize wastes, looking at camp design.

**Greg Cook:** A TAC meeting is to be scheduled to look at BHPs request to amend the SNP.

**John:** need to know what are the new recommendations brought up after the TAC meeting was completed. Cannot continue adding changes indefinitely. Need consolidated recommendations.

**Greg:** Update: Shannon will be taking over from him assisted by Laura. Kimberlite toxicity studies accepted, waiting for DOE response, as DOE is the lead, before informing BHP. If ok with DOE, it will be ok with Water Board. U of S study DIAND/DOE will have some data. Closing date for comments on the 'B' licences was Jan. 5, 1999.

**John:** Fisheries Authorisation will follow licence application. Have to have a No Net Loss plan for habitat lost.

**Marie Adams:** Question on groundwater in pit. If present, Health Canada to be notified.

**John:** no upwelling. Elevation 405 feet. Dont feel it's groundwater. May be Kimberlite water being released. Conducting some isotope testing on the water to identify source.

**General info:**

**Anne:** Little Lake Profile - available? **John:** will send rough excell files.

**Greg:** Need another map - with new sites noted in relation to existing operations.  
Also, on ice drilling workshop - mid March.

**John:** BHP is putting all reports on CD. Slow, about 1/3 completed. Lots of paper produced. Do we need this many reports? As well, DIAND requirements. Need to know if DIAND wants paper or CD reports.

**NEXT meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>. DOE Boardroom same time - 1.15pm.**