

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

Purpose:

To share information and provide a coordinated approach to fulfill the environmental requirements for the Ekati Diamond Project.

Objectives:

1. To develop and maintain an open and clear communication among the different agencies involved in the Ekati Diamond Project.
2. To assist in the planning and coordination of products required as stated in the BHP Environmental Agreement.
3. To coordinate and facilitate deadlines and review processes.

Structure:

1. The membership of this working group will include representatives from the federal (DIAND- Waters, District, Environment & Conservation - , DOE, DFO & NRCan) and territorial (RWED) governments, the Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency, and BHP Diamonds Inc.
2. Members will be nominated by the regional heads of their respective agencies and will act as the representative for their agency. Where an agency has many different responsibilities, it may bring to the meeting additional expertise as required. If additional input is required from outside the working group, the Chair can be directed by the members to invite input from the identified source(s).
3. The activities of IACT will be coordinated by DIAND, (Mary Tapsell). DIAND will consult with all members in the development of meetings (agendas, timing, location, etc.). DIAND will act as an impartial Chair and will ensure that recommendations from this group are summarized and recorded.
4. Sub-groups may be formed from time-to-time to deal with specific topics that do not require the attention of all the members of IACT.

Procedures:

1. IACT will meet on a monthly basis or as-required. When necessary, members not able to attend group meetings will be encouraged to name an alternate, or to participate via tele-conferencing.
2. Highlights and action items from the meetings will be recorded.
3. Each member of IACT is responsible for sharing the outcomes of meetings with senior management from the organizations they represent.