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Public Notice

Participant Funding Available

for the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board's Review of Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.'s Type A Water License Renewal Application.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is inviting applications from individuals and groups seeking funding to assist participation in the Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board's (WLWB) Review of Diavik Diamond Mines Inc.'s Type A Water License Renewal Application. The mine is located approximately 300 kilometres northeast of Yellowknife. In examining the environmental and socio-economic effects of this water license renewal, WLWB will, among other things, consider the interests of Indigenous people and their special relationship to the wilderness environment and the cultures, traditions, health and lifestyles of Indigenous people and other residents of the Northwest Territories.

Funding for the 2024-25 fiscal year is available to support **Indigenous and public participation during the Type A Water License renewal process**. Funding is available for eligible activities to participate in the Board's process. Please see the Participant Funding Guide and Application form for a list of eligible activities, which can be accessed on the Board's registry ([Diavik Diamond Mines \(2012\) Inc. - W2015L2-0001 | Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board \(wlwb.ca\)](#)) or by contacting CIRNAC staff at the email below. Please send your application to aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca by **11:59 p.m. (MDT) Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. Any contribution agreement signed with CIRNAC will allow for carry forward of unused funds into the 2025-26 fiscal year, should work for the review be extended past March 31st 2025.

If you have any questions about the application forms, eligibility, timing or expense details, please contact CIRNAC staff at aidefinanciereparticipants-participantfunding@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca. We will be happy to help you!

The Proposed Project

The Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board is anticipating a Type A Water Licence Renewal Application for the Diavik Diamond Mine at Lac de Gras, Northwest Territories. The Application will address the remainder of commercial operations, the active closure period, and closure performance monitoring. The Application will include the request to re-establish natural drainage of the mine site through the Decommissioning of the collection ponds not yet authorized under the current Licence.

