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Annual General Meeting – October 10, 2023

EMAB Boardroom – 50/50 Mini Mall, Yellowknife, NT – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Present:

Charlie Catholique, *Chair*

Violet Camsell-Blondin, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Kelly Fischer, *Director*

Marc Whitford, *Director*

Sean Erasmus, *Director*

Gord Macdonald, *Director* (by phone)

Łutselk'e Dene First Nation

Tłıchq̓ Government

Government of the Northwest Territories

North Slave Metis Alliance

Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Diavik Diamond Mines Incorporated

Absent:

William Aglukkaq, *Director*

Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Staff:

John McCullum, *Executive Director* (minutes)

Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board

Allison McCabe, *Environmental Specialist* (minutes)

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Guests:

Katrina Hatogina

KIA

Michel Louis Rabesca

TG

Doris Enzoe

Łutselk'e Dene First Nation

Nancy Njerere

GNWT

Laura Malone

GNWT

Ethan Oatman, Auditor (by phone)

EPR Accounting

1) Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Moment of silence

Chair noted some important changes to EMAB in the last year: passing of Jack Kaniak, long-time KIA Board member and Vice-Chair; new Board members since last AGM – Kelly Fischer and Sean Erasmus; new Environmental Specialist Allison McCabe.

Allison introduces herself.

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<p>Chair also reviewed EMAB activities for the past year including: Natural Drainages Water Licence Amendment, Diavik Final Closure Plan review; 2021 TK Fish Camp; approval of 2023-25 budget and formation of TK Working Group by Parties.</p>
<p>2) Adoption of Agenda</p> <p>Review of 2023 AGM Agenda</p> <p>Motion: <i>To approve the agenda for the 2023 AGM as presented.</i> Moved: Marc Whitford Seconded: Kelly Fischer Motion carried.</p>
<p>3) Conflict of Interest</p> <p>No conflicts declared.</p>
<p>4) Chair's Remarks</p> <p>Chair asked if there were any comments from the Parties.</p>
<p>5) Comments from the Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marc Whitford said things are going well with EMAB and it will be important to stay involved in closure at the mine• Gord Macdonald said Diavik continues to feel that the main value of EMAB is its technical reviews.• Violet Camsell-Blondin noted the difficulty with some Traditional Knowledge activities and concerns of Elders about the long-term effects of Diavik on Lac de Gras. It is important to have TK input. She appreciates Diavik's help in gathering TK and wants to maintain a good relationship with the mine.• Doris Enzoe suggested EMAB convene a meeting of Elders and youth now that mine closure is approaching. She wants to see how fish in Lac de Gras are doing, following the 2021 TK Fish Camp. She would like to see the results of fish sampling shared with communities.
<p>6) Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Review of October 5, 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes.</p> <p>Noted that LKDFN did not sign the Devolution Agreement. They plan to invite the Minister in charge of devolution to explain devolution to the community.</p> <p>Motion: <i>To approve the October 5, 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented.</i> Moved: Marc Whitford Seconded: Kelly Fischer Motion carried.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BREAK</p>



7) March 31, 2023 – Audited Financial Statements

Ethan Oatman from EPR presented the audited financial statements

- Clean audit; this is the best assessment an auditor can give
- Underexpended in 2022-23
- Contribution repayable of \$61,777 to Diavik. Noted that this should be added to the income statement.
- Some differences from previous years due to relaxation of COVID travel restrictions

Q: will inclusion of \$61,777 change the bottom line?

A: no

Discussion delayed until a final copy of the audit is provided; likely 10-15 minutes.

BREAK

7) March 31, 2023 – Audited Financial Statements (cont.)

Review of updated income statement that includes contribution repayable. No other changes to previous version.

Motion: *To approve 2022/23 audit as presented*

Moved: Marc Whitford

Second: Kelly Fischer

Motion carried.

Motion: *to re-appoint EPR as EMAB auditor for 2023-24*

Moved: Marc Whitford

Second: Violet Camsell-Blondin

Motion carried.

8) Election of Vice-Chair

Board members prefer that all members be available to vote for Vice-Chair.

Motion: *To table election of Vice-Chair to next meeting*

Moved: Marc Whitford

Second: Violet Camsell-Blondin

Motion carried.

9) Environmental Agreement Amendment Update

Laura Malone from GNWT provided an update.

- Had planned to send out a final letter stating that since there wasn't consensus agreement among the Parties GNWT would not pursue amendments to the EA at this time. Will hold off, pending request for a community meeting with LKDFN.

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- Note that the upcoming election will affect who the Minister is; suggest holding off request until cabinet is appointed.

Discussion:

- Noted that James Marlowe was elected as Chief of LKDFN for next three years and Council will be elected on November 2nd, so will hold off on any requests until then

10) Adjournment

Motion: *To adjourn the 2023 AGM*

Moved: Marc Whitford

Seconded: Kelly Fischer

Michel Louis thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting. These meetings are important because they are for future generations. He has worked in the Lac de Gras area and is aware of the environmental issues there. It was good to hear everyone speaking about these topics.

carried

Meeting adjourned at noon.