

## Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board

### Terms of Reference

**Project Title:** Standing Offer - Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board Wildlife Expert for “as and when required” services

**Background:** The Environmental Monitoring Advisory Board (EMAB) was formed as a requirement of the Environmental Agreement for the Diavik Diamond Project, and is intended to provide an integrated and co-operative approach to the environmental management of the Project. The Board operates independently from Diavik Diamond Mines Inc. (DDMI), and the Governments of Canada, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut and aims to assist the Parties to the agreement in the implementation of a common strategy to address environmental matters associated with the project. EMAB makes recommendations regarding environmental effects of the Diavik project and facilitates communication with Parties to the Agreement including Affected Communities.

**Scope of Work:** The period of the contract will be until March 31, 2025, with the possibility of renewal. In providing wildlife expertise to EMAB the contractor will be required to:

- Review reports from DDMI, notably the annual Wildlife Management and Monitoring Report, and provide expert analysis and comment, and plain-language briefings and advice to the Board regarding specific elements of the reports, such as: applicability of objectives to meet the desired outcome(s), applicability of study design and/or methodology to achieving the objectives; quality of data, quality of analysis and discussion of results, defensibility of conclusions, issues raised by the report and appropriate responses including an assessment of responses proposed by the company and/or regulators, an assessment of how well Diavik reported on items they committed to include in past reports and how well previous questions and issues have been addressed
- Provide plain-language briefings and advice to the Board on emerging issues, implications, proposed mitigation measures and options available to EMAB.
- Provide plain-language briefings and advice to Affected Communities on reports and issues as required.
- Participate as an expert resource person in workshops as required.
- Review and comment on other documentation and/or provide advice on wildlife issues as and when required.

**Costs:** Prospective contractors to provide rates for services. Annual budget for wildlife report reviews is in the range of \$10-\$20K.

**Criteria:** Proposals will be judged on a combination of expertise, familiarity with the NWT, methodology as applicable, experience, availability and cost. Contractors based in the NWT or Nunavut will receive preference, all other criteria being equal.

The proposal should identify the personnel who will be assigned to oversee reviews, along with CV's.

#### Deadline for Proposals

Submit proposals by email to [emab1@northwestel.net](mailto:emab1@northwestel.net), by end of day April 12, 2024.

Enquiries regarding this RFP should be emailed to:

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