



Dëne Sųłné

Terminology Handbook

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Foreword

In order for industry to effectively respond to community issues and concerns, it is critical to have communication that is based on mutual understanding and respect for each other's perspective.

Because of this, De Beers Canada has developed this Terminology Booklet, first released in 2008. This second edition was developed from a Terminology Workshop held in Yellowknife on May 12-13, 2011, and includes more than 112 new terms. The workshop brought together 18 Community Interpreters and Elders for both the Dëne Sų́łné and Tłı́chų languages.

Our hope is that by facilitating these workshops, we not only demonstrate the value we place on aboriginal people's culture and traditions, but also recognize the value and importance of good communication.

Yamozha Kue Society, of Hay River, which facilitated the first workshop, held in March 2008, was again contracted to coordinate the second terminology workshop. Their vast experience in language development work and their close working relationship with the communities on language initiatives made them a natural choice to oversee this project.

As with any aboriginal language material produced, there will be those who will disagree with the terms that were developed. However, it should be kept in mind that this is a living document and is subject to change. It is the intention of De Beers Canada to continue to work with interpreters and elders to refine and expand this list.

In producing this booklet, the decision was made to compile the terms developed in the first workshop and the second workshop. Blank pages have been added to the booklet so that interpreters can record additional words and terminology as they encounter them.

This Terminology Booklet is distributed to interpreters, language

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specialists, aboriginal language organizations and other related aboriginal language programs. A copy of the distribution list can be obtained by contacting De Beers Canada at (867) 766-7300.

A PDF of the complete document can also be downloaded from the De Beers Canada website www.debeerscanada.com. Printed copies can be obtained from De Beers Canada.

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Dëne Sùhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sùhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Acid Rock Drainage	Ní yaghé tthé tsɿ haɿɿ/ háduth	From underground rock it leaks/fume
Active layer	Ní hɿxén	Land is frozen
Adaptive management	K'éth'á ts'éñ zasié k'onet'á zasié zédɔ nályé dé xá	Always things are studied from changing
Adverse impacts	Bet'á huníla zájah	Because of it it became bad
Aerobic	Níts'í dána	Lives on air
Aggregate	Tthe zelta hálya	Rock is separated
Air contaminant	Níts'í ts'ídhër	Air is damaged
Air quality	Níts'í (yayí) t'at'e	The way (wind) air is
Algae	Tedlare	Same as English
Alternative means	Beghatthène	Another way
Ambient	Níts'í dëne náre	Air around a person
Ambient air quality guidelines	T'ok'é níts'í hél ts'éjí t'át'é begharé zégháladá	Where wind with breath how it is by work is done
Ambient air quality objectives	T'ok'é níts'í hél ts'éjí t'ats'éñ xa béts'éñ ghaladá	Air, damage, keep from, work will be done
Ambient noise level	Hurenáre hurelshúíle	Not quiet
Anaerobic	Níts'í dɿ hena	Living without air
Annual operating costs	ʒlágħ ghayé tsamba bet'á xat'ɿ	One year amount of money used
Anoxia	Tu tsɿdher	Water that is damaged

Dëne Sùhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sùhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Aquifer	Ní tué/kué	Land water
Armouring	Ní dítt'ír ch'á hulyá	It's done from soil falling
Atmospheric stability	Yayághé t'aútt'e	The way it is in the sky
Available nutrients	Bet'á zasíe dáníye	Things that cause good growth
Backfilling	Tthé hayénalyá	Putting back the rocks
Base case	Tsambá k'é naré zasíe ní ts'jdhir ch'a badí	Around the mine things are being watched to prevent damage
Baseline	Húnídhur tthe/natthe	Before starting/before
Baseline data	Natthe bek'onéltá gha zereht'ís	Paper about baseline stud
Baseline (survey) study	Bek'onéltá	Something studied
Behaviour (wildlife, fish, etc.)	Tech'adí-u,tue-ú t'anélt'é	The way animals/fish act
Bench (open pit)	Ní k'órílya	Open pit
Benthic	Tet'ághé zasíe dána dóli	Things that are living at the bottom of the lake/water
Bioavailability	Te guáze	Living organisms
Bioconcentration	Zasíe dáná	Things that are alive
Biological studies	Zasíe hena bek'oneta	Something alive is studied
Budget / budgeting	Tsamba t'anétt'e	The amount of money
Burnable / non-burnable	Bek'erek'á/bek'erek'aíle	Burnable/non-burnable
Capping	Béðarélyá	It is shut/closed

Dëne Sųhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sųhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Capping material	T'at'á bédarélyá	Why it was shut/closed
Carat	(tsamba tthé) t'áldath sí	(money rock) the amount of weight
Carcinogen	Bets'ı zéne gu dënets'ı zát'ı	From it you could get cancer
Catchment	Xús tué thełkă	Water in the crevice
Chemocline	Tu yé náıdı shné zédq zát'ı	Chemical in the water changes
Chloride	Náıdı túé	Medicine water
Chlorophilla	Sa naghe t'á neye	Growing by the sunlight
Clarifier	Bet'á tu/ku déłk'al nalzı	It's used to maker water clean again
Class 'A' Land Use Permit	Nı bek'e zeghálada ts'ı zereht'ıs	Paper to work the land
Climate normal	zedza húldzáy	Measuring the average
Closure	Bedárét'ı	Closing
Closure and reclamation plan	Bedárękă t'ı'aghé zélanályé	After closure it was put back to same
Coarse kimberlite	Tthé dhay	Coarse rocks
Co-disposal	zelgharé hónedi	At the same time disposed of
Co-management	zelts'éts'edi t'á zeghálada	Working together by helping each other
Combustible waste	zasie bek'orełk'ă xa dúéle	Things that could be burned
Community capacity	Háyurıla t'at'ú xáza	The way the community is

Dëne Sųhné Translations

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Community development initiatives	Hayırıla k'éyaghe t'at'ú húnıdhër	Things that get started within a community
Compaction	Nı héht'ath ʔat'ı	Land that becomes hard
Concentrate (heavy, mineral, etc.)	T'a bet'óreʔa hılchu	Things that are valuable is taken
Cone of depression	Nı tué hadzıl bek'é haʔa	Land water where it is taken from had made a mark
Connate water	Tthe kał tué	Water from the flat rocks
Construction peak	T'ó hıt'éth beghálada	When work was done most
Contact water	Tu benálna	Water that's being disturbed
Containment	Beyé t'asıe k'áhanı	Inside something is kept
Contaminant levels	T'anıl't'e tsıdhër sı	The amount is spoiled
Contaminated soil	Nızene tsıdhër	Soil is damaged
Contamination	T'asıe bet'á tsıdhër	Something that caused damage
Continuous permafrost	Nı lu	Frozen ground
Core drilling	Tthe heldéth	Drilling the rock out
Core samples	Tthe háldéth	Rock drilled out
Cost effectiveness	Tsamba hadı/t'arıltı hunıdhën	Money is watched/cost is considered
Cost of living	Bet'a ʔeghena t'arıltı	Cost to live

Dëne Sų́nė Translations

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Density	T'arı́kq̃	Thickness of something
Depth of thaw	T'anı́łtha ní nalghı́	the depth of thawed land
Detailed design	T'atte talkath/t'at'e xa sí	What it will look like
Dewater	Tu xádzəl	Water poured out
Diamondiferous	Tthe tsamba	Money rock
Dilution	Tu benı́dile/tu betalı́	Water added
Dikes	ʔél xáılı	Dam was built
Discharge	K/tu beréđı́/nı́dıl/hatı́r	To discharge water
Disparity	ʔası́e ʔefet'eı́le	Things are not the same
Dispersion modeling	Computer gharé bek'onétá	Study by computer
Dissolved oxygen	Tu ta nı́łts'ı́	Air inside the water
Disturbed land, disturbed area	Nı́ beghálada	Land is worked
Diurnal	Dzı́ndhe	Day
Dominant	Deʔanełt'e	More
Downstream impact	Deschaghe hélı́ t'at'e sí	downstream impact
Downstream water effects	Deschaghe hélı́ t'at'e sí	Downstream water
Drainage	T'a ts'én tu hélı́	Where the water goes
Drainage basin	T'a tu húılı́/háılı́	Where the water drains

Dëne Sùhné Translations

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Drainage ditch	Tu hutl'jr xá hús halj	Land is taken out for the water to flow through
Dyke	ʔél xáli	dam
Dykes	Same as dykes	
Economic	Bet'á tsamba xalé	Money is made by it
Economy	Tsamba xalé	Money is made
Economic diversification	Harelyu ts'én tsamba xalé	Money is being made everywhere
Economic mine	Tsamba k'é	Place of money
Economic viability	Bet'a tsamba xalé xa hunidhën	Think that money could be made
Economically attractive	Tsamba t'á xaxe búrelɿ.	Looks attractive financially
Ecozone	ʔeyère ʔasíe dána	By an area things that are alive
Effluent	Tu bet'áhat'j	Water that was used
Effluent Quality Criteria	Begharé tu hadí	By it water is looked after
Elevation	Tu daghé nɿ rjthá	Above the water the height of the land
Emergency response	Huníla dé xa ts'etáy suridhën	In case of emergency prepared
Emission	Asi daèdi	things, blown around
Emissions	ʔasíe lèré	Something's fumes
Emulsion (mining/explosives)	Tthe bet'á nálk'èth	Something to explode rock

Dëne Sùhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sùhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Emulsion (mixture of two or more things that wouldn't normally stay together)	ʔasí zelta	Something mixed together
Engine / exhaust heat	Satsán dhélé	Engine heat
Environmental impact	Tsùhùdhër	Damaged (implies land)
Environmental Management System (EMS)	Begháre ní beghálada	Working the land by it
Environmental Securities	Ní tsùdhër dé xá tsambá thelá	Money is put there in case the land gets damaged
Epilimnion	Táhníghës	Mixing of water
Eutrophic	Tehdlaré bet'á zasié tué neyé	From the vegetation in the water things grow
Eutrophication	Tehdlaré dezánanelye	Water vegetation re-grow itself
Evaporation	Bek'enaʔdhër	To expend; to become spent
Face	Tthé geré	Rock
Family cohesion	ʔhahárelza/ ʔhakúé zelts'édi	One group of family supporting each other
Feasibility	T'at'u bet'óredher lísí xa bek'óneltá	How useful it is, is studied
Fill	Ní dánarélyá	Refilling the land
Fine processed kimberlite	Tthé náldëth	Rock that was made coarse
Flocculant	ʔasié bet'á satsán náltsi/ helel	Something that picks up metal/floats

Dëne Sùhné Translations

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Footwall	Tthé ch'udhé héltal net'í	Rock that is split is studied
Forage	T'ech'adíe beni	Animal food
Freshet	Netáízéí	It floats up
Fuel farm	Tles k'áni k'é	Place where fuel is kept
Fuel storage facility	Tles k'áni kué	Fuel storage house
Full operation	La nedhé húnídhër	Important work is started
Full reclamation	T'atthe k'ízí nùhút'a	Put back to the way it was
Full time	Déné t'añthá lá k'é thedá sí	The length of time a person is at work
Functional literacy	?ereht'ís k'óreja	Know how to read and write
Gap analysis	?até bek'oneta	Carefully studied
Gender inequities	Dëne k'ís:áldhëñíle	Persons not treated the same
Geochemical / geochemistry	Ní t'ohó?á sí	How/where land is
Geohydrology Hydrology Hydrogeology (study of water through the ground)	Ní túé bek'ónelta	Study of land water
Geological layers	Tthé zełk'é ch'á zełk'e dahela/?ałk'éttthe	Different kinds of rock on top of each other
Geology	Tthe bek'óreja	Knowledge of rock

Dëne Sùhné Translations

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Geotechnical	Ní yaghe túé héli gháré bek'órejã/ bek'oneta	Person that studies rock
Gradient	ʔasié zédó ʔat'ɿ	Things that change
Ground level concentration	Ní yaghé ʔasié t'anétt'é hɿɿ	Underground the amount of things there are
Groundwater	Ní tué	Land water
Grout Curtain	Tthé bédareldzé tu hut'ír ch'á	Rock is plugged to keep water from flowing through
Habitat	T'óót'ɿ ʔasié náday	Place where things live
Habitat creation	Tech'adíe náday xa senúhɿt'a	Where animals live is prepared
Habitat destruction	Tech'adíe náday sí ts'ídhër.	Where animals lived is damage
Habitat loss	Tech'adíe ní ghánaíle (la t'á)	Animals leave an area because of work
Harvesting success	Hɿzɿ nakarelɿ	Good harvesting
Health risk	Boréni	Health risk
Heavy medium	Bet'á tthé chu tthé luzé chu zéłch'át'ír	Separation of rocks
Hydraulic Gradient	Ní tué t'aríłts'er het'él zedu ʔat'ɿ	The strength of flow of groundwater changes
Hydrogeology	Tu t'anot'ír	Where water goes
Hydrology	Tu t'at'é sɿ benonetá	Study of land water
Hypolimnion	T'éh t'aghé	Bottom of water

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Impact statement	T'a náúdhër sí yatı xálı.	What will happen word is made
Impermeable	Tu beghálbjle.	Water cannot go through it
Incinerate	ʔasíe bek'elrek'á	Something is burning
Incineration	ʔasíe bek'ereká	Something was burned
Incinerator	Beyé ʔasíe bek'erek'á	A thing to burn things
Income disparity	ʔelk'ızı dëne ts'én nánıle	People are not paid the same
Indicated resource	Tsamba hılı bek'óreja	Know there is a mine/minerals
Indicated status	Tsamba t'aut'e bek'óreja	Known the status of money
Indicator	Begharé t'at'é bek'oréja	By it you know how it is
Inferred (mineral) resource	Tsamba hılı hundhën	Think there's possibility of money there
Inflows	Tu nılbı	Where waters comes in
Infrastructure	hóřıla	Where buildings are
infrastructure pressures	ʔasíe dek'ázınełza xáza/ ʔasíe kunelza/ degharé ʔasíe thełıle	Shortage of things/ not enough things/ not enough available
In-migration	ʔedune/ʔełza dun dëne ła nıdél	Different people coming in
Inspector	ʔasíe k'ánélká dënë	Someone that is inspecting
Labour pool	La xa dënezı theła	People put their names down for work
Lake bed	T'e t'á	Bottom of the water

Dëne Sų́nė Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sų́nė Translation	Reverse English Translation
Lake bottom sediments	T'e tŕ'a xatŕ'ës	Mud from the bottom of the water
Land farm	Ní zéléhtthır	Put dirt together
Leaching	Tthetsŕı xáduth	Rock residue is coming out
Lifestyle choices	T'at'ú husná humdhën	The way we want to live
Loading	ʔasıé tu t'á ʔájá	Something happened because of water
Management (plan)	Begháre ʔeghálada xa surđhën	Prepared to work
Maximum point of impingement	T'a lère lásı ní yéduth/horéhtth'agh	Where there is smoke, it goes into ground/fumes
Meso Trophic Lake	Nanı́s túé/nı ʔanı́s túé	Water on the land
Migration routes	Tech'adıé tën	Animal trails
Mine life	T'anıttá tsamba k'é xáʔa xa	The length of time the mine will exist
Mined-out (open) pits	Tsamba xálye ıı k'órılyá begħá nóót'e	Finished with making money from open pit
Mineral reserves	Tthe nezı hıııı bek'óreja	Know where good rocks are
Mine waste	sđmbak'e weʔıııı	left over from mine work
Mine water	Tsambá k'é ts'ı tu	Water from the mine
Minimize (impacts, footprint, etc.)	ʔáʔı ní ts'édhır ch'á dek'áʔı	Lessen the damage to the land
Mitigation	ʔasıé tséđhı ch'á dék'áʔı ʔalı	To prevent damage, lessen it

Dëne Sųhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sųhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Mixing height	ʔasié leré	Fumes from things
Money management	Tsamba xadi	Watching money
Mulch	Ní díltth'í ch'á tthe bebanarálya	To stop the land from moving, rock is placed around it
Natural drainage	ʔólt'e-u héłı	Natural flow of water
Natural inflows	T'aʔúttéé nılı	Natural inflow
Natural lake outflows	ʔólt'e-u tu héłı	Natural outflow of water
Non-contact water	Tu benáłnaile	Water that is not disturbed
Non-recyclable (waste lumber)	ʔasié ʔak'ék'ère bet'á xat'ı xaxáıle	Thing that can not be reused
Non-toxic	Náıdı sńın bets'élıʔle	Does not have bad medicine
Oligotrophic	Tué yé ʔasié daná hıle	Things that used to alive in the water
One resource economy	ʔıłágh ts'én tsamba xale	One way how money is made
Operations ramp up	Ts'etay nuıt'a	Prepared to start up
Outfall and diffuser	Outfall: tehnıʔa tsáq'oth Diffuser: Tsáq'oth k'e tu hátt'ır badı	Outfall: pipe going in to the water Defuser: water coming from the pipe is washed
Outlying communities	Náyurıla	Surrounding communities
Out-migration (skills drain)	ʔedéts'ıdel	People moved to a different place
Overburden	Nı chu tthe chu bekelyı	Dirt and rock is put on it

Dëne Sų́hné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sų́hné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Over-reliance	Dezǎzí bet'á noréǎá	Too much depend on
Overturn	Tu tanídhil-u/k'eyághe ník'ath	Water top heats/gets cold at the bottom
Pace of development	T'anolnaú zeghálada	The speed of working
Paste (thickened)	dedógh	It is thick
Percolation	Haye káduth	Water coming out/up
Ph	Tu	Water
Piezometer	Sátsǎn t'á ní tué húldzay	By a machine water is measured
Pit	degoyigoǒzha	
Pit water	Ní daghé tthé gháladá túé	Water from working the rock from the land
Plume	ǒasié ts'édhěr lěr berét'ı Water: dzǎ nighës Air: huníltǎ Soil: ní ts'ıdhěr	Fumes/smoke is visable Water: mixing Air: pollution above air Soil: land is damage
PM2.5	As it is	
PM10	As it is	
Post-closure	Dǎřetǎ tǎ'ághe	After closure
Pre-strip (-stripped, -stripping)	Ní bek'elch'ul	Land is stripped
Processed kimberlite	Tthé dhı	Coarse rocks
Processed kimberlite containment facility	Tthé dhır k'ánı kųe	Dwelling where the coarse rocks are kept
Processing plant	Tthé gháladá kų	House where you work in rocks

Dëne Sųhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sųhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Process water	Ku/tu senąlyá	Water that was fixed
Project design	La t'alkath xa sí	The way the work is going to look
Project schedule	La tó beghálada xa sí	When work is to be done
Protective services	Harelyųı ąasie xadı xél ąeghálada	Working with watching things
Power generation	Satsán t'á kón dek'én	With a machine, fire is lit
Power plant	Satsán t'á kón dek'én kųé	House of the machine that provides power
Potable water	Tu ts'eldél/ts'edą	Water that you can drink
Public record	ąereht'ıs net'ı xa theła	Documents are there to view
Quarry and esker material	Tthedhı	Rock gravel
React chemically	Náıdı shıne ąeftalyá	Bad medicine thing is mixed
Recharge capacity	Hayé táduth/kekadıth	Water coming out
Reclamation	ąálanályá	Put back to same
Reclamation cost liability	Same as security	
Recyclable	Bet'á nahat'ı xa dúélé	It could be re-used
Recycle	Bet'a naxat'ı xa dúélé	It could be re-used
Re-establish itself (i.e. environment)	ąeła nade	Going back to the same
Reference area	Nı begharé badı xá nıt'á	By it land will be watched

Dëne Sųhné Translations

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Refuse	Tsamba k'é ʔasié ʔaldél kuę	From the mine things that are refuse
Regional disparity	K'égaghe hunıla ʔedų xáʔa	Problems within an area
Regulatory requirements	ʔasié begháre ʔeghálada yatı/ʔereht'ıs.	Words/paper is there to work by
Resource	ʔasié huıı	There's something
Resource model	T'alkéth humıdhën	The way it looks they think
Restoration	T'atthelanalya	Put back to the way it was
Revegetation	Nı nánéteıye	Land that re-grows itself
Riparian Zone	Taıbághe gá	By the shore
Riprap	Nı ts'ędhı ch'á tthe choghé benaréıyé	To prevent the land from getting spoilt, big rocks are put around it
Rotational work schedules	La gha ʔeına nats'edél	For work, people change places
Safety and health management system (SHMS)	Suwéna xa ts'én ʔeghálada	Working towards good living
Safety factor	Tsıʔadhır tthe burılʔa	Stopped it before danger happens
Sewage disposal	tsatúé ʔadıı	Feces water is disposed
Sewage sludge	tsatúé t'úr beghataduth	Solid feces water
Sewage system	T'at'ú tsakúé het'él	They way the feces water flows
Sewage treatment plant	Tsatúé sureldhën kuę	The place where feces water is taken care of

Dëne Sųhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sųhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Shift schedule	Beghàre t'ò zeghàlada	By it when work is to be done
Skills drain	Dëne la hanorení deghàrîle	Skilled people is less
Slurry	Hat'és	Mud
Small mammals	Tech'adíaze/ zatsélaze	Small little animals
Social disparity	ʔelkízı náts'edéile/ t'at'ú dëne dána zelélt'eile	Do not all live the same/ the way people live is not the same
Solid waste	ʔasie zàdel sí	Things that are disposed of
Solid waste management	ʔasie ch'èle zàldél badı	Watching the way waste
Spill report	ʔásie nıt'ır gha det'ıs	Making document about something is spilled
Stopes	Tthe yonıá	Passage into the rocks
Strata	Tthe kél	Flat rock
Stratification	Tthe kéle zelk'edathela.	Rocks on top of each other
Substrate	Tu yághé	Underground
Succession	Nı nálnélyé	Land is re-growing
Sumps	Tu níghès k'e tu beghàlada sí badı	Working on a mixer of water is watched
Thermister	Nı yaghé hak'ath badı	Underground temperature is watched
Thermocline	Tu nék'ath chu tu nedhél chu beraka	Cold water and warm water mixes together

Dëne Sùhné Translations

English Terminology	Dëne Sùhné Translation	Reverse English Translation
Total dissolved solids	Tu yé zasíé nalghı	In the water something is dissolved/thawed
Total Suspended Particulates (TSP)	Asii hazhọ daèdi	All things suspended
Total suspended solids	Dzà	In water, things are always float
Treated water	Tu ts'eldél xa sureldhèn	Treating water for drinking
Trophic	Harélyú zasíé bet'á dálélná	Everything is alive by it
Turbidity	dzatúé	Turbidity
Ungulates	Tech'adie nedhé	Big important wildlife
Viable / viability	dúéle	Could be
Vulnerable populations	zasíé t'a beba huníla zája	Because of something it was endangered
Waste water	tsamba k'é t'ı ku/tu t'át'ı hılé	from the mine, water that has been used
Water chemistry	Tu t'at'e sí	The way water is
Water diversion	Tu zelchas héli	Water that flows apart
Water management	Tu xél zegháladá	Working with water
Water Management Pond	eghár ku/tu xél zegháladá yt nít'agh	By it the water will be worked on
Water quality objective	Ku/tu nezú ts'én bégháladá	Working towards good water
Wet deposition	zasíé nałts'él t'á déłk'él zát'ı	From something that get soaked/wet become watched/clean

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