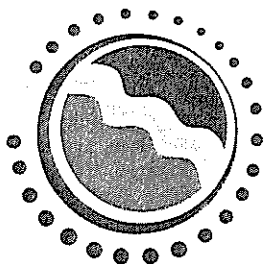


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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board



Our File: EA-03-006

May 20, 2004

Mr. Robert Paterson
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Dear Mr. Patterson;

Re: Clarification of Intent of Recommendations in Report of Environmental Assessment for Snowfield Development Corp. Diamond Exploration (Inv. #119845-23546)

In the interest of maintaining a thorough file on this Environmental Assessment, this letter describes the clarifications you requested in our meeting of April 2, 2004. It is my understanding that the intention of the Review Board was to ensure maximum protection of known and suspected archaeological and heritage sites within the 3 km zone until such time as the presence or absence of archaeological and heritage sites could be confirmed through a comprehensive survey.

Recommendation 1

SDC will not commence drilling within the 3 km zone until the operational areas within the claim blocks are surveyed by a qualified archaeologist, accompanied by an Aboriginal elder and a translator, if required, to detect suspected archaeological, historical, burial or cultural sites.

Recommendation 1 was intended to prohibit any drilling, including bulk sampling whether by large diameter borehole drilling or trenching. The reference to drilling without specific reference to bulk sampling was due to the observation that trenching would not be possible if the kimberlite pipe did not reach surface or was not accessible by back hoe. Statements by Snowfield during the Public Hearing indicate that "we (Snowfield) don't see that kimberlite unsurfaced just yet (99:17-18). For clarity, bulk sampling would not be consistent with the intent of this recommendation.

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Further, this recommendation was not intended to preclude drilling on inland lake ice, subject to existing regulations.

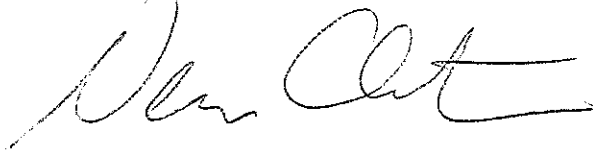
Recommendation 2

SDC will only use access routes within the 3 km zone if routes are scouted by an Aboriginal elder, a translator, if required, and a qualified archaeologist for suspected archaeological, historical, burial or cultural sites. Use of these access routes will only be permitted over packed snow or lake ice.

Recommendation 2 was intended to allow the immediate use of existing access routes in winter conditions within the 3 km zone only i.e. over packed snow or lake ice. After the snow cover has melted the use of existing or new access routes was intended to occur only upon scouting the route in conjunction with an Aboriginal elder and a qualified archaeologist, to mitigate potential adverse impacts to archaeological, historical, burial or cultural sites.

I hope these clarifications have addressed your concerns.

Sincerely,



Vern Christensen
Executive Director

cc Parties to the Snowfield
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Environmental Assessment

