




Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

June 30, 2004

Mr. Tom Andrews
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Dear Mr. Andrews;

**Re: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision
on the Snowfield Development Corporation's (SDC) Diamond Exploration Program**

This letter is further to the June 29th, 2004 meeting of Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) and Government of the Northwest Territories officials with Review Board staff and legal counsel at which the concerns and rationale of Responsible Ministers for modifications to recommended measures in the Board's Report of Environmental Assessment was discussed. As you recall, this meeting was in follow up to the June 17, 2004 letter from the Minister of DIAND requesting consultation on this matter with the Review Board.

The Board requires additional information to assist in finalizing its response. As you were in attendance at the June 29th meeting and the additional information required by the Board relates to your specific area of expertise and responsibility, this request is directed to you.

The Review Board requires a definition of the term "Archaeological Impact Assessment" and some context to assist it in understanding why this term has been proposed for substitution into the recommendations. As you recall, we had discussed the use of this term as a possible modification to the terms "archaeological survey" and "scouting" used in the current recommended measures. If you would provide a letter clarifying the term "archaeological impact assessment" for the Board that would be very helpful to finalizing the Board's response.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Vern Christensen
Executive Director

CC: David Livingstone, DIAND
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