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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Box 938 – 5102- 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Yellowknife NWT X1A 2N7

**BY Email** 

Re: Consolidated GoldWin Ventures And Sidon International Resource Corp.

Land Use Applications EA -05-06 -005 and 006 Originally Commenced in September 2004

as MV2004C0033 & MV2004C0039

Dear Sir,

I received your letter dated April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to bring this matter to "Closure."

As the main consultant to the companies, Consolidated GoldWin Ventures (now Encore Renaissance Resources) and Sidon International Resources, I am responding to your belated, futile and, I believe illegal attempt to bring closure.

This matter was closed 4 years with the lots of public input, open meetings, costly consultants and a report by the MVEIRB "recommending approval of the LUP."

There is no recourse to re-opening the public record. You made your recommendation, now act on it.

The Minister stated, "the next steps ... are in the Review Board's Discretion."

I want you to use your discretion and issue the LUP!

This permitting process is 7 years old and you are attempting to re-open it! The matter was dealt with!

This is ludicrous. The state of permitting for mineral exploration in the NWT is a travesty!

The process was outlined 7 years ago. We followed it. We played by the rules! You are not allowed to move the goal posts, without a change in the rules – publicly proclaimed and dealt with in the political form.

Canada, including the NWT, is not a banana republic with dictatorial powers to change the rules and law.

Seven years ago – we applied.

The MVLWB referred it to the MVEIRB, for public meetings, public hearings and reports, at a great cost to the taxpayers of this country. Potential problems were identified and mitigation processes implemented.

The MVEIRB made a decision. It was sent to the Federal Minister for signature. After 3- 4 years the Federal Minister said do an "assessment."

This is a simple request for a permit to conduct non-intrusive mineral exploration, the kind of mineral exploration that has been conducting for 100 years in the NWT, with positive benefits as witness the by the wealth created for the territory with the commencement of diamond mining in the past 10 years or so.

This is not a new technique, a new method or a new type of ground disturbance.

I have attached the introduction and Non Technical Executive Summary for both projects a total of 9 drill sites, to show how minor a disturbance this project was and is!

Yet seven years ..... and you want to re-open the public record!

The diamond market, the saving grace for the economy of the NWT, has fallen on hard times. The Lusitania has been torpedoed - and you want to re-inspect the deck chairs!

This is a preliminary non-permanent non intrusive exploration project!

Make an assessment, following on what was decided 4-5 years ago in your decision and send it back to the Minister for his signature and let's see if we can do some exploration.

Otherwise let us determine a settlement price, pay it to the companies and we depart. It has cost us in excess of \$500,000 for each company in expenses, lost opportunity and undue hardship.

The inaction of the MVEIRB and the Federal Minister in effect is an expropriation of the companies' rights and property.

I am advising the companies to seek appropriate compensation for this expropriation.

Sincerely

"Laurie Stephenson"

Laurence Stephenson Consultant Sidon International Resources Corp. Encore Renaissance Resources Corp. (Formerly Cons. GoldWin Ventures Ltd.)

CC; Chief Edward Sangris
Chief Ted Tsetta
Chief Louis Balsillie
Betty Villebrun
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Honourable John Duncan, PC, MP Honourable Gail Shea, PC, MP Honourable Michael Mitenberger, MLa

# Modified Development Assessment Report For Sidon International Resources Corp. Preliminary Exploration Program

### **Land Use Permit Application 2004**

Amended Au	gust 2004
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Submitted to:

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Yellowknife, NT

Prepared by:

Sidon International Resources Corp.

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This Exploration Program summary has been prepared for Land Use Permit Application of Sidon International Resources Corp. and is submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) for their preliminary screening.

On April 12, 2003, the MVLWB referred the 2003 Land Use Application of Sidon International Resources Corp, New Shoshoni Ventures and Snowfield Development to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) as per s. 125 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA). The consultant retained by Sidon was instrumental in preparing the submission of those companies in response to the Terms of Reference, formulated for that successful Land Use application, and has adapted this amended report because we are conducting the current operations in the same region, and it is being filed to address all the same issues addressed in the full *Development Assessment Report (DAR)*.

The following report describes the "exploration program" as a preliminary mineral exploration project, similar to other preliminary exploration activities previously approved and conducted throughout the NWT.

#### A-1 Non-technical Executive Summary

Sidon International Resources Corp is planning to conduct an exploratory diamond core drilling program on identified areas mainly to the north and east of the Drybones Bay Area of Great Slave Lake, NWT. The drilling exploration activity will be of short duration (1-2 months) and will be conducted in a manner that will ensure that there will be no significant impacts on the environment of the area. This expected result is consistent with similar experience demonstrated by other recent drilling exploration programs conducted throughout the Lac de Gras area and in the Drybones Bay area, including as recently as the winter of 2003/03 and during the consultant's 2004 exploration program conducted earlier this year.

The preliminary exploration program will involve the drilling of one to two bore holes at each of the proposed drill site areas. The drill sites for each area are listed in Table 1. These are tentative sites as the full geological and geophysical assessment of the area has not been completed. Due to the uncertainty of the permitting process and the limited funds available to the company, this work will not be completed until the Land Use Permit is issued.

The drilling program will utilize a portable drilling unit (Longyear 38) or equivalent, which can be mounted on a self moving unit or towed by a small tractor to the drill site on land or on the frozen lake ice surface. The drill bit will cut a hole that is between 2 to 5 inches in diameter depending on the type of drilling being undertaken and the rock conditions. Hole depths will range from 200-250 metres depending on location and targets. The amount of cuttings (rock bits) that will be produced from each hole will range from 0.25 –0.5 cubic metres per hole. Cuttings generated from the lake-based component of the drilling program will be contained and transported to Yellowknife for disposal in the landfill site. Cuttings from the land-based component of the drilling program will be deposited in a suitable on-site depression well removed from the lake or nearby streams.

A temporary winter road on the lake ice from Yellowknife could be used to service the drilling program however most of the operation is expected to be helicopter supported.

Due to the temporary nature of the drilling operation it is anticipated that less than 250 litres of petroleum products will be on site at any given time. Fuel will be stored in 205 litre drums within a secondary containment unit by the drill.

The fuel barrels will be the first containment unit and the "carrier" lined with an liquid immiscible barrier that has been an accepted practice throughout the NWT. The actual unit has not yet been decided on and in the long run may be a doubled walled unit. The idea is to ensure there is no spillage of any type and to have a spill plan in place as per DFO regulations to address the issue. This was as done during the 2004 program.

The exploration drilling program will be conducted over a 1-2 month period of time during the winter when relatively few species of wildlife are present or active and the terrain and vegetation is protected by ice and snow. In addition, the temporary disturbance footprint associated with each drill site will be limited to approximately 10 m<sup>2</sup>. All unused consumables (fuel, drill rods, etc.) and wastes (drill cuttings, garbage, etc.) will be removed off site and returned to Yellowknife for recycling or disposal in an approved manner. Because of the short term, highly localized, relatively innocuous and reversible nature of this exploration drilling program, no significant environmental or cultural effects are expected to occur. This was the outcome of this past winter's drill program.

All land based drill sites will be kept as small as possible with consideration of safety in order to minimize the footprint of disturbance. Any bush and trees cut for survey lines, drill pad sites or camp locales will be reduced

to manageable sizes and neatly piled. Where appropriate, cleared vegetation will be spread over exposed soil to prevent erosion and to enable seed stock to regenerate.

## **Table 1 DRILL SITE AREAS**

<b>CLAIM GROUP</b>	Approximate Centre Co-ordinates		Comment
	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	
DEF 1	113°42'	62°22'"	Small bay

# Modified Development Assessment Report For Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. Preliminary Exploration Program

MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Application 2004

**Amended August 2004** 

Submitted to:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Land and Water Board Yellowknife, NT

Prepared by:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

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This Exploration Program summary has been prepared for Land Use Permit Application MV2003C0003—of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. and is submitted to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) in accordance with the referral made by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) infor their preliminary screening.

On April 12, 2003, the MVLWB referred the 2003 Land Use Application to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) Development to EA as per s. 125 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA). The reason cited for the referral was public concern over the potential for cumulative effects given the cultural, spiritual and environmental importance of the Drybones Bay Area. The basis of this amended report was part of the submission of the company lin response to the Terms of Reference, formulated for that successful Land Use application. and the comments made during the comment period by various affected communities and regulatory bodies, the company is filingBecause we are conducting the current operations in the same region, this amended document is being filed to comply with the said Terms of Reference and to address all the same issues out linedaddressed in the full as Items A through L of the exploration project as a Development Assessment Report (DAR).

The following report describes the "Development" exploration program" as a preliminary mineral exploration project, similar to other preliminary exploration activities previously approved and conducted throughout the NWT.

### A-1 Non-technical Executive Summary

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures is planning to conduct an exploratory diamond core drilling program on three-identified areas adjacent-mainly to the north and east of to-the Drybones Bay Area of Great Slave Lake, NWT. The drilling exploration activity will be of short duration (3-4-weeks2-3 months) and will be conducted in a manner that will ensure that there will be no significant impacts on the environment of the area. This expected result is consistent with similar experience demonstrated by other recent drilling exploration programs conducted throughout the Lac de Gras area and in the Drybones Bay area, including as recently as the winter of 2003/03 and during the company's 2004 exploration program conducted earlier this year.

The preliminary exploration program will involve the drilling of one to two bore holes at each of threethe proposed drill site areas. Two of the drill site areas are located in Great Slave Lake approximately 500 –1,500 metres from the main shoreline of the lake. The other drill site area is located on the land approximately 0.5 kilometres north of the Hearne Channel of Great Slave Lake, and approximately 2.0 kilometres west of the Beaulieu RiverThe drill sites for each area are listed in Table 1. These are tentative sites as the full geological and geophysical assessment of the area has not been completed. Due to the uncertainty of the permitting process and the limited funds available to the company, this work will not be completed until the Land Use Permit is issued.

The drilling program will utilize a portable drilling unit (Longyear 38) or equivalent, which can be mounted on a self moving unit or towed by a small tractor to the drill site on land or on the frozen lake ice surface. The drill bit will cut a hole that is between 2 to 5 inches in diameter depending on the type of drilling being undertaken and the rock conditions. Hole depths will range from 200-250 metres depending on location and targets. The amount of cuttings (rock bits) that will be produced from each hole will range from 0.25 –0.5 cubic metres per hole. Cuttings generated from the lake-based component of the drilling program will be contained and transported to Yellowknife for disposal in the landfill site. Cuttings from the land-based component of the drilling program will be deposited in a suitable on-site depression well removed from the lake or nearby streams.

A temporary winter road on the lake ice from Yellowknife will be used for the daily commute of drilling crews. As a result, no field camp will be required to service the drilling program. The road will also facilitate the complete clean up and transportation of all equipment and other garbage from the drill sites once drilling is complete.

Due to the temporary nature of the drilling operation it is anticipated that less than 250 litres of petroleum products will be on site at any given time. Fuel will be stored in 205 litre drums within a secondary containment unit by the drill.

The fuel barrels will be the first containment unit and the "carrier" lined with an liquid immiscible barrier that has been an accepted practice throughout the NWT. The actual unit has not yet been decided on and in the long run may be a doubled walled unit. The idea is to ensure there is no spillage of any type and to have a spill plan in place as per DFO regulations to address the issue. This was as done during the 2004 program.

The exploration drilling program will be conducted over a 3-4 week2-3 month period of time during the winter when relatively few species of wildlife are present or active and the terrain

and vegetation is protected by ice and snow. In addition, the temporary disturbance footprint associated with each drill site will be limited to approximately 10 m². All unused consumables (fuel, drill rods, etc.) and wastes (drill cuttings, garbage, etc.) will be removed off site and returned to Yellowknife for recycling or disposal in an approved manner. Because of the short term, highly localized, relatively innocuous and reversible nature of this exploration drilling program, no significant environmental or cultural effects are expected to occur. This was the outcome of this past winter's drill program.

All land based drill sites will be kept as small as possible with consideration of safety in order to minimize the footprint of disturbance. Any bush and trees cut for survey lines, drill pad sites or camp locales will be reduced to manageable sizes and neatly piled. Where appropriate, cleared vegetation will be spread over exposed soil to prevent erosion and to enable seed stock to regenerate.

#### **A-2** Conformity Table

Table 1 Conformity Table DRILL SITE AREAS

CLAIM GROUP	Approximate Cer	Comment	
	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	
FC	113°55'	62°12'30"	Small bay
	113°52'	62°13'	North shore
	113°50'	62°14'	Bay on N
			shore
JJ	113°47'30"	62°22'	Not defined
CLEFT	113°51'30"	62°17'30"	Not defined
ZZL	112°59'	62°22	Not defined
MOOSE	113°55'	62°14'	Numerous
			targets - not
			defined
GSL	113°52'30"	62°10'20"	Small bay