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Dear Sir:

**RE: Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
Participation in Sidon and Consolidated  
Goldwin Ventures Public Hearings**

Further to our previous correspondence and in particular the letter forwarded under signature of the Chiefs and Councilors of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, we believe it would be appropriate to provide further assistance to the Board in defining the Traditional Land area which has been previously referred as to the area around Dry Bones Bay. The evidence at the Public Hearing held on April 3 and 4, 2007 confirmed that the whole of the area, not only around Dry Bones Bay, but all of the lands east of Great Slave Lake south of the community of Dettah to the east arm of Great Slave Lake and thence inland have been used consistently by the Yellowknives Dene First Nation for spiritual, cultural, food gathering and other traditional purposes. That use of those lands continues to this day. While we indicated that there are currently land withdrawal discussions underway, those discussions are, because of their very nature, confidential and are at this time awaiting formal approval from the Federal Government. Until such time as that approval is given, we are not in a position to provide you with any further mapping or other details of what will be withdrawal lands. We are however prepared at this time to indicate that all of the proposed drilling sites are within those lands over which the Yellowknives Dene First Nation objects to any further development and note that the whole of the area represents a cultural landscape containing many spiritual, cultural, archaeological and other locations, some of which have not to this point in time been adequately mapped or researched.

To make our position perfectly clear we are as a First Nation totally against any further development occurring within the area including but not limited to those areas identified by the proponent as potential drill sites.

I trust this clarifies our position.

Yours truly,

  
Chief Peter Liske