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Ms. Mary Tapsell
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Dear Ms. Tapsell

**Re: EA0506-005 Consolidated Goldwin Ventures and
EA0506-006 Sidon International Resources Corporation
Request for comments on public registry additions and revised workplan**

In response to the Review Board's letters of December 22, 2006, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) offers the following comments.

1) Request for ruling on transferring information from the Drybones EA's to the public registries for the Sidon International Resources and Consolidated Goldwin Ventures assessments

In INAC's view, this decision is primarily a Review Board matter. INAC notes that adding all the material from four previous EAs to the public registries to the current EAs would require all parties to review a considerable volume of information before the pre-hearing conference on February 6, 2007. INAC suggests that the Review Board and/or the Yellowknives Dene First Nation consider identifying those documents from the previous EAs of most relevance to the current assessments. These documents could then be added to the public registries for the current EAs if required.

2) Request for comments on revised workplan

INAC intends to participate in the pre-hearing conference and workshop to examine areas of cultural significance on February 6, 2007 as well as the community hearing on March 27, 2007.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our comments, please contact Lionel Marcinkoski at 669-2591 or Lorraine Seale at 669-2590.

Sincerely,

David Livingstone
Director, Renewable Resources and Environment
Cc: INAC EA Working Group

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