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Re: EA0708-001 Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass (Selwyn Project)

Dear Ms. Testart,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the "Draft Terms of Reference for EA0708-001 Selwyn Resources –Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass".

I would like to highlight the following issues.

- In the scope of development section, the first bullet seems to imply that all drilling will be using a heli-portable diamond drill. I believe information presented at a scoping meeting indicated that some of the drilling will be from a land-based diamond drill.
- In the specific items section part 3 (the development description) could we ensure that the developer will provide information about the width of trails, the total area to be cleared and the frequency of use on the trails?
- In the specific items section, part 13 cumulative impacts, the wording seems to indicate that only additional projects in the Yukon will be included in cumulative effects analysis. We should recognize that projects in the Northwest Territories also have the potential to contribute to cumulative effects on caribou. For example, Selwyn has applied to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board for a land use permit and water licence to reopen a road in the area and Selwyn operates helicopter supply flights from the North



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American Tungsten mine site to the Selwyn site. Could this section be amended to reflect that potential?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,

Original signed by Chuck Blyth

Chuck Blyth
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