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RE: EA0708-001 Selwyn Resources Ltd. – Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass

Dear Ms. Spencer:

Please see the attached presentation from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the Selwyn Resources Ltd. public hearing scheduled for April 7th, 2007 in Tulita.

Our presentation should take no longer than twenty minutes. Departmental representatives will be available to answer questions from the Review Board, other parties and the public. INAC's legal counsel, Justice Canada, is also planning to attend.

Should you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Henry at (867) 669-2591 or Charlotte.Henry@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Director, Renewable Resources and Environment



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Selwyn Resources Ltd. Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass EA0708-001

April 7th, 2009
Tulita, NT





Presentation Overview

- INAC technical analysis
- INAC response to issues raised by the Sahtu Secretariat Inc. (SSI) on behalf of Tulita District Land Corporation (TDLC)



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Technical analysis

- Reviewed developer's application
- Attended scoping sessions
- Commented on Draft Work Plan and Terms of Reference
- Reviewed developer's DAR
- Focussed on potential effects on land and water, also considered developer's operating procedures





Technical analysis cont'd...

- Based on review of information provided to date, INAC has not identified any likely significant impacts.





Response to SSI issues

Issue: Sufficient security deposit set

INAC's response:

The Sahtu Land and Water Board sets the amount of securities for land use permits and water licences. INAC can provide a reclamation cost estimate during the regulatory phase, if requested.





Response to SSI issues cont'd...

Issue: Involvement in decisions on security deposit use and expenditure

INAC's response:

Decisions on use and expenditure of security deposit are made by INAC in accordance with applicable legislation.





Response to SSI issues cont'd...

Issue: Reclamation of abandoned road

INAC's response:

Reclamation work on a previous project is outside the scope of this EA. Measures related to the road should not be included in the MVEIRB Report of EA.

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Response to SSI issues cont'd...

Issue: 3rd party access restrictions

INAC's response:

The proposed exploration activities are on Crown land. The general public has right of access to all Crown lands, unless restricted by law. In this case, there are no laws restricting access; however, the developer can choose to monitor who is on the road.





Response to SSI issues cont'd...

Issue: Activities to be guided by and consistent with draft Sahtu Land Use Plan

INAC's response:

INAC considers draft Land Use Plans to be non-binding. The Sahtu Land Use Plan, when implemented, will respect existing third party interests such as Selwyn's claims and leases.





Response to SSI issues cont'd...

Issue: Relocation of abandoned access road

INAC's response:

The access road is outside the scope of this EA.
Measures related to the road should not be included in the MVEIRB Report of EA.





Response to SSI issues cont'd...

Issue: Agreement and recording of fuel cache locations

INAC's response:

Recording fuel cache location is a standard Land Use Permit condition. INAC encourages the developer to work with the TDLC to reach agreement on cache locations.





Response to SSI issues cont'd...

INAC also encourages developer to work with TDLC on:

- Appropriate reclamation species
- Wildlife monitoring
- Appropriate stop-work periods for calving and rutting

