



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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By email

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Dear Mr. McKillop

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you this afternoon regarding the environmental assessments of Consolidated GoldWin Ventures' and Sidon International's proposed mineral exploration programs.

As I mentioned today, there are some points of clarification related to the Information Requests responses submitted by Rescan on behalf of the Developers that warrant your consideration. Responding to these items will help the Review Board and Parties better understand the issues and could lead to having a more production public hearing.

I.R. response I.17 (GCV) & I.R. response I.6 (Sidon)

The record provided in this response only discusses the consultation efforts undertaken by the developers until 2004. Is this the extent of consultation efforts that have occurred to date? What about any consultation efforts, whether successful or not, which have been more recently undertaken for the purposes of the current Land Use Permit Applications (and subsequent environmental assessment). Also, it is not clear from the provided consultation record exactly who was representing both developers in these meetings and what their role was. It may be useful to document if any concerns were identified during the course of these meetings and whether the proposed developments planning changed as a result of the voiced concerns.

The response also makes note of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that is being sought between the developers and the YKDFN. Is there any more information regarding this matter? What does this MOU specifically entail? It is noted that the developers regard meaningful consultation to consist of specific meetings, sites visits, as well as working with YKDFN's archeologist and elders. Are these aspects that are included in this proposed MOU? More details in this regard are suggested.

I.R. response I.18 (CGV) & I.R. response I.7 (Sidon)

The responses for this item do not appear to provide much insight as to how the developers will work with the YKDFN concerning the protection of significant cultural areas. It is stated that the developers will accommodate the YKDFN needs in regards to protecting heritage resources and that they work with the YKDFN to accomplish this end, including the possible signing of a MOU. There is, however, no indication, other than the mention of the MOU, as to how protection of significant cultural resources could be undertaken, or how the YKDFN could be possibly accommodated. It is requested that the response be more specific.

Please keep me informed regarding who may be taking over Latisha Heilman's responsibilities for these assessments. I also encourage you to utilize the MVEIRB subscription service to keep updated with new filings to the public registry. Finally, I would request that in your next conversation with your clients, you give consideration to the concerns I mentioned regarding Rescan's practice of submitting documents under its own name rather than that of Sidon International and Consolidated Goldwin Ventures.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the included material, or the environmental assessment in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience by phone at (867)-766-7062 or by email at pduxbury@mveirb.nt.ca.

Yours truly,



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