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And

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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact

Review Board

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December 14, 2005

BY Courier

RE: MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Amendment Application and New Land Use Application
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

AND

RE: MV2004C0039 Land Use Permit Application

Sidon International Resource Corp.

Dear Mr Sirs.

Subsequent to Mr. Farrage's telephone conversation from Mr. Erlich to resubmit the application, please find attached the IR's answered in more detail, the adapted submission for both companies based on the IR's and discussions presented and aired at the November 2003 public meeting which address most if not all the issues raised in the current IR's and finally the MVEIRB's final report which did address all the issues raised.

I have referenced in each of the IR's the appropriate pages in both the Adapted Submission (AS) and the Final Report (FR)for easy verification.

[Note: the Final report cited is the one for the New Shoshoni Ventures as I no longer have the one for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures. However since they both cover the same issues and except for the MVEIRB's conclusion are pretty close in content]

Trusting that this information answers the concerns raised.

Sincerely

Glen Macdonald P.Geo.

Information Requests Consolidated Goldwin Ventures EA EA 0506 005



IR Number:

1.10

Source:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Project Description

Preamble

Descriptions of the proposed development submitted by CGV have helped to clarify the proposed development. However, between the information submitted during the preliminary screening and in this EA, some inconstancies remain. These must be resolved in order for the Review Board and EA parties to understand exactly what is being proposed.

In section 5 of Land Use Permit application MV2004C0038, CGV indicated that it wished to drill one to three holes. In the attached Modified Developer's Assessment Report (Table 1), CGV states that it will drill one to two holes at each of eight sites. In the MVLWB staff report of Dec.21, 2004, the work is described to include one to three holes at each of eight sites. In the July 25 2005 letter from CGV to the YKDFN, the work is described as "a few short holes in up to three areas".

Request

1. For <u>each</u> claim area, please describe the <u>maximum number</u> of drill holes proposed.

All Claim Areas:

up to 3

AS - Non-technical Executive Summary (pages 1-2) Section C (page 6)

FR - General Comment - Section 1.2.1

1.11

Source:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Project Description

Preamble

In the Land Use Permit application, CGV states that drilling will "in most instances likely be on ice or shore line". However, the CGV's Modified Developer's Assessment Report states that drilling will be "confined to limited areas on ice well offshore". The Sept.26th 2005 letter from CGV to the Review Board states that drilling would probably be "on or near the shores or Great Slave Lake, Moose Lake and Zigzag Lake", but is unclear whether "near the shores" means on the land or water side of the shoreline. Even though later drill targets in this program will only be identified based on the results of the first drill holes in each area, CGV should at least know exactly where its first drilling targets in each area are located.

Request

- **a.** For each claim area, itemize which of your first drilling targets are on ice or land. This can not be determined at this time as we need to conduct field work on the property magnetic surveying and physical inspection of what is an appropriate drill site. However as we have had experience in drilling in both those terrains in 2004 and earlier this year 2005, we anticipate no problem in selecting the appropriate site in conjunction with the First Nations to ensure all our goals are met.
- AS Non-technical Executive Summary (pages 1-2) Section C (page 6)
- FR General Comment Section 1.2.1 Section 1.2.2
- b. Please describe in as much detail as possible where your first drilling targets are located. As above answered for a.
- AS Non-technical Executive Summary (pages 1-2) Section C (page 6)

- c. Please describe in as much detail as possible the location of drill targets in the Moose Claim area. As above answered for a
- AS Non-technical Executive Summary (pages 1-2); Table (page 3); Section C (page 6)

The impact on the area will be as negligibly as the proposed work program, and which was recommended for approval by the MVEIRB in 2004 when our first permit was approved.

AS - Non-technical Executive Summary (pages 1-2)

We will conduct the defining work once the LUP, as recommended by the MVLWB is issued, and ensure as we demonstrated in 2004 and 2005 that there will be no impact.

AS - pages 9-10

1.12

Source:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Project Description

Preamble

Even though exploration later drill targets in this program will only be identified based on the results of the first drill holes in each area, CGV should at least know exactly where its first drilling targets in each area are located.

In the Land Use Permit application, CGV states that drilling will will "in most instances likely be on ice or shore line". However, the CGV's Modified Developer's Assessment Report states that drilling will be "confined to limited areas on ice well offshore". The Sept.26th 2005 letter from CGV to the Review Board states that drilling would probably be "on or near the shores or Great Slave Lake, Moose Lake and Zigzag Lake", but is unclear whether "near the shores" means on land the land or water side of the shoreline.

CGV has not yet submitted a map of drill targets in the ZZL claim. For all other areas except the Moose Claim area, maps submitted by CGV with the Sept. 26 letter provide a general idea of the rough locations of drill targets. No targets for the Moose claim are identified.

In its Sept. 15 2005 letter to CGV, the Review Board asks for "a short verbal description (beyond coordinates) of the location of each drill hole". In response, CGV provided in its letter for Sept. 26 a list of *factors it will consider* when choosing drill hole locations, but no descriptions of specific target areas.

Request

- a. For <u>each</u> claim area, please describe the <u>maximum number</u> of drill holes proposed. Please see response to 1.10 a.
- b. Please describe in as much detail as possible where your first drilling targets are located. Please see response to 1.10 a.
- c. Provide a map and description for drill targets on the ZZL claim.

Map sent previously, by the company consultant. Please see response to 1.10 a.

AS - Non-technical Executive Summary (pages 1-2); Table (page 3) best example; Section C (page 6)

1.13

Source:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Project Description

Preamble

In the Modified Developer's Assessment Report, CGV states in section A-1 that the program will take two to three months. In sections D-1 and D-2, it states that the work will take three to four weeks. In section H-2, it states that the program will occur in winter only. In the July 25, 2005 letter to the YKDFN, CGV describes activities that will occur during summer.

Request

a. Please describe the timing planned for the proposed development.

The initial idea was to conduct all the work in the winter of 2004/05 when the initial permit was applied for (October 2004). When the LUP was not issued, a modification of the exploration was to include a summer inspection, of the area (which did not need an LUP), however that was abandoned in light of the August 2005 decision by the MVEIRB. In general, the evaluation of data from field work, will fall within these time frames: 2-3 months from start to finish including evaluation of the results and maybe going back to the site for a field visit, stating the organizing of the work, availability of contractors etc.

3-4 weeks to actually drill given all things work out.

AS - Timing and Operations (pages 9-10)

Work done in summer is not applicable or does not require a LUP, but it was thought worthwhile if we were proceeding with drilling - standard exploration practice is to acquire as much information from the surface as possible to assist in evaluating the down hole dimension.

AS - Section C-1 explains "due to unknown" (Page 6)

1.14

Source:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Project Description

Preamble

In Land Use Application MV2004C0038, CGV states that "drill cuttings will be blended into area till". In the Modified Developer's Assessment Report, CGV states in section E-2 that cuttings will be "placed into an approved depression well removed from waterbodies".

Request

- a. Will drill cuttings be blended into area till, placed into a "suitable depression", or both? Please clarify. AS -
- b. If CGV plans to place cuttings into "an approved depression well removed from waterbodies", whose approval is CGV referring to? AS - pages 9
- If CGV plans to place cuttings into "an approved depression well removed from waterbodies", what is the minimum distance in meters that CGV considers to be "well removed" from surface waters? AS pages 9

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting. It was addressed by Snowfield's Development in the their issued LUP. It was addressed in the issued LUP to Consolidated Goldwin in 2004.

It was in practice last year when Consolidated Goldwin drilled on the area to the east of Drybones Bay and on the east of Defeat Lake. The approval is granted by the same bodies that approved last year's work and Snowfield Development's work. The distance that this benign natural occurring rock "debris" will be as outlined in the regulations of the NWT, that drill companies have been using without problem.

AS - page 9

FR -Section 2.4.1 - clearly discussed.

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IR Number: 1.15

Source: Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, GNWT

To: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject: Archaeological Site Data

Preamble

Recent correspondence from the proponent (Item 3: CGV Developer Response with Development Details) states that there are "no indicated or known, or perceived archaeological sites within 0.5 km of the property boundaries of most of the areas (greater on the Cleft, JJ, ZZL and most of the FC and Moose Claims). Those around Jackfish Cove are noted and all are not in areas of interest." Based on the Modified Development Assessment Report for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. Preliminary Exploration Program (p.24), included with land use permit application MV2004C0038, this information appears to have been obtained at a public meeting held in Dettah on April 2, 2003.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Resource Centre is aware that, since this public meeting, new archaeological studies have been undertaken in the general area of the proposed exploration project. As a result of these studies, several new archaeological sites have been recorded and are contained in the NWT Archaeological Sites database. Particularly relevant to this exploration project are several archaeological sites recorded in the Moose Bay and Jackfish Cove areas.

It is unclear from the proponent's submission, whether they are aware of the exact locations of these archaeological sites. The development maps indicate that at least one drill target and a potential trailer camp are planned for Moose Bay, where there are three recently recorded archaeological sites. In addition, there are two known archaeological sites within the Moose Claim, for which the drilling targets are currently undefined.

This information request is intended to ensure that the proponent is aware that the database is subject to change as archaeological studies are conducted and that proponents are able, subject to license agreement with the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, to access site specific data in order to avoid known archaeological sites. As per the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, archaeological sites must be avoided by at least 30 m.

Request:

a. Does the proponent plan to access the NWT Archaeological Sites database on an annual basis to obtain the locations of all archaeological sites in their development areas? No.

The report of Calum Thompson that suggested the potential of sites was reviewed by the company consultant. To our knowledge none of the confirmed sites are close to any of the immediate areas of interest.

In discussions with New Shoshoni who contracted the same author to return to the area of Drybones Bay proper this past summer and has indicated that no new sites were indicated in the area of the proposed drilling by New Shoshoni in 2004. According to Mr. Thompson, no major sites are present that can not be mitigated.

To date, only three old sites were identified in the vicinity of Jackfish Bay. None are noted in any of the other areas.

If any new sites were uncovered the company, as it outline in the 2003 public hearings and final report that it would do and as per the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations, would avoid archaeological sites by at least 30 m.

Contrary to conclusion of the MVEIRB in the FR and work completed today by Snowfield Developments, Consolidated Goldwin Ventures and the report (2005) completed by Calum Thompson (above) for New Shoshoni, no sites discovered affected or reported by the exploration work or any other work.

AS - Table 4 pages 13

1.16

Source:

Department of Fisheries and Oceans

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Fish Habitat and Impact Mitigation

Preamble

Our review of the application and scope of the proposed work does not provide specific delineation of the drill sites within specific bodies of water. On page 7 of the "Modified Development Assessment Report" that was submitted with the application, it is stated that "drill site areas are located on land or near the main shoreline of Great Slave Lake, Moose Lake or various other ponds and lakes."

DFO understands that the company cannot provide site specific information at this stage of exploration. However, the company should describe the process they will use to protect fish habitat once potential drill sites are determined. Mitigation such as drilling in areas frozen to the substrate or in deep water is not described.

Request

- a. Please describe the process that will be employed to identify sensitive fish habitat such as spawning shoals when potential drill sites are delineated and the process that will be used to determine the volume or depth of water in various other lakes and ponds.
- b. Please describe specific mitigation measures.

This was addressed with considerable detail in the final report from the MVEIRB in its findings and approval recommendation for Consolidated Goldwin LUP application in 2004. Further public meetings also addressed this issue. In the final report by the NVEIRB and in the issued LUP's guidelines were attached to the LUP that covered most if not all of the DFO's concerns.

However, if the DFO has some new information to add to the regulations and rules that we need to follow, we will comply.

AS - Section C2 (page 7); Section J-1 (page 16); Section J-1 (page 22); Section J-3 (page 16)

FR - Section 2.4.2; Conclusions Section 4.3.1 - no impact.

1.17

Source:

Yellowknives Dene First Nation

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Consultation

Preamble

In the opinion of YKDFN (as expressed in its proposed IR submission),

Mr. Lawrence Stephenson outlines what it calls "consultation efforts." The Yellowknives Dene do not consider Mr. Stephenson's effort to be consultation. The demonstrated efforts do not even meet the minimum threshold of discussion.

It is important to emphasise that Mr. Stephenson has not communicated with the YKDFN or its consultants. That is unfortunate because exploration and mining companies working in the NWT that have made a genuine effort to consult the YKDFN have been able to do so. We have found members of the Chamber of Mines to be an informed group and generally consultative and encourage Mr. Stephenson to draw on the Chambers knowledgeable members.

FR - Discussion - Section 2.5.2

Request

1. Provide the Review Board with Consolidated Goldwin Ventures' policies with respect to "consultation with First Nations" as it applies in the NWT.

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting and in the subsequent MVEIRB report. In 2003, the company had several First Nation representatives working for us during the program. We had them bring an elder out to inspect the areas covered by the LUP that we wanted to additionally test at that time.

- AS pages 24 25 Section C-2 (page 7)
 - 2. Has Consolidated Goldwin Ventures chosen not to consult the YKDFN because, in its opinion, such consultation is the responsibility of the government of Canada?

We have consulted and will continue to consult with the YKDFN as demonstrated during our current LUP.

AS - pages 24 - 25 Section C-2 (page 7)

3. Provide the Review Board information about what Consolidated Goldwin Ventures is willing to commit to with regard to on-going meaningful consultation with the YKDFN.

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting.. It was demonstrated by Consolidated Goldwin under the issued LUP. AS - pages 24 - 25, Table 4, Section C-2 (page 7)

4. Provide information about what other First Nations Consolidated Goldwin Ventures has consulted in the NWT and in Canada within the last five years.

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting. AS - pages 3-4 & 6 Table 4, Section C-2 (page 7)

5. Provide the Review Board information about what Consolidated Goldwin Ventures understands its role to be in the consultation and communication process with First Nations during the regulatory process (eg., land use permit and water licensing process)

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting. AS - pages 12-13, Table 4, Section C-2 (page 7)

6. Provide information about what regulatory authorities were contacted in the NWT before applying for the development authorizations. (e.g. Was DFO contacted? Was Indian and Northern Affairs contacted?)

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting. It is not prescribed in the LUP application process as demonstrated by the MVLWB's approval of the LUP.

AS - pages 12, Table 2

1.18

Source:

Yellowknives Dene First Nation

To:

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject:

Cultural Impacts

Preamble

In the opinion of YKDFN (as expressed in its proposed IR submission),

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures... suggests there is no culturally important or heritage sites identified in the areas where (it) proposes work. That is not the case as noted by the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre. The developers are asked to respond to the following questions.

Request

1. Respecting the cultural significance of the proposed development areas and the associated cultural landscape, are the developers prepared to accommodate YKDFN needs regarding the full protection of the areas?

This was addressed with considerable detail at the 2003 public meeting. In the final report of the MVEIRB in 2004 on the issuance of Consolidated Goldwin's LUP and in the issuance of Snowfield Development's LUP much later that year, all these matters were addressed. Other than that we have no jurisdiction to comment.

AS - page 12, Table 4, Section C-2 (page 7), Section I (page 15)

2. Over the years, cultural, economic and social factors have led to the development of distinct cultural landscapes in and around the proposed development areas. Through centuries, the local inhabitants perpetuated this cultural landscape through subsistence interaction with the natural resources through consensus-driven institutions. The YKDFN has recently experienced profound changes in its social, cultural, administrative and technical conditions. Are the developers prepared to work with the YKDFN over an extended period of time in order to ensure the resulting cultural landscape continues to reflect the local identity of the place and residents and represents the regional characteristics of YKDFN?

Please see the answer to the first section.

AS - page 12, Table 4, Section C-2 (page 7), Section I (page 15)

3. Does Consolidated Goldwin Ventures accept that the areas where it proposes to undertake development have value at a cultural landscape level? YES. If Consolidated Goldwin Ventures concludes the areas do not have a significant cumulative cultural landscape value, provide information used to arrive at that conclusion.

FR - Conclusion - Section 4.4 - Now based on NSV, CGW and SDC reports, concerns mitigated, and all companies have demonstrated working with YKDFN.

IR number: 1.19

Source: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

To: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject: Camp sewage and greywater disposal

Preamble

The Land Use Permit (LUP) application mentions the possibility of a small camp setup (4-6 people) at Moose Bay on Great Slave Lake. If a camp is established on the ice INAC needs clarification on how/where sewage and greywater from the camp will be disposed of. The original LUP application states in section 9-B that sewage and greywater will be allowed to "settle and returned to natural state". The Modified Development Assessment Report (MDAR) states that all wastes will be transported back to Yellowknife. If waste is to be disposed of in the area of the camp the following should be noted: (a) waste should undergo a minimum of primary treatment to remove all suspended solids and floatable materials; (b) there should be no discharge of floating solids, garbage, grease, free oil or foam; (c) discharge of the effluent should take place in a diffuse manner to self-contained areas with minimal slope; and (d) all discharges must occur at least 100m from any waterbody. The preferred method of wastewater treatment for the camp would be a secondary or tertiary treatment system that would allow for the treated waste to be spread to the land surface.

Request

Provide details on the method of sewage and greywater waste disposal at the proposed temporary work camp at Moose Bay on Great Slave Lake.

If waste is to be disposed of in the area of the possible temporary camp the company will: (a) the waste will undergo a minimum of primary treatment to remove all suspended solids and floatable materials; (b) there will be no discharge of floating solids, garbage, grease, free oil or foam; (c) discharge of the effluent will take place in a diffuse manner to self-contained areas with minimal slope; and (d) all discharges will occur at least 100m from any waterbody. The preferred method of wastewater treatment for the camp would be a secondary or tertiary treatment system that would allow for the treated waste to be spread to the land surface.

The company will comply with all the regulations and rules in place.

AS - Section C-4 & C-5 (page 9); Section E-2 (page 10)

FR - Section 2.4.1 - discussed

IR number: 1.20

Source: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

To: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures

Subject: Temporary camp location on ice

Preamble

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Ltd. has proposed setting up a temporary work camp on the ice at Moose Bay on Great Slave Lake. Situating a work camp on an ice surface can be problematic and precautions should be taken to minimize risk involved. A plan for camp site location, including minimum measurements of ice thickness, should be noted in the application. In addition, heated cabins will have an effect on the integrity and thickness of the ice surface. Cabins should be positioned to allow convective cooling beneath the cabin. An emergency plan should be established and all workers should be informed of protocol for dealing with ice associated dangers.

Request

Provide details of the location for camp and services. We don't know yet. However it will comply with all regulations and rules if it is needed, including minimum measurements of ice thickness, should the temporary camp be established. In addition, should heated cabins be used, they will be positioned to allow convective cooling beneath the cabin. An emergency plan will be established and all workers will be informed of protocol for dealing with ice associated dangers.

We will address it in the same way Snowfield Development did with its approved LUP.

In addition, include a plan for dealing with ice associated dangers.

We will address it in the same way Snowfield Development did with its approved LUP. We will follow the established practices conducted in the NWT for the past 100 or so years.

AS - Section C-2 & C-3 (page 7)

FR - Section 2.4.2 - discussed