



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Our files: EA0506-005 and EA0506-006

Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006

Ms. Rachel Ann Crapeau, Manager  
Lands and Environment Department  
Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Re: Information Requests to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation

Dear Ms. Crapeau,

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is conducting environmental assessments of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures' (CGV) and Sidon International Resources Corp's (Sidon) mineral exploration programs. The Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) has been a party to these environmental assessments since October 26, 2005.

On October 20, 2005, the Review Board issued Information Request to the Developers and to Parties to the environmental assessments. Specifically in the case of EA0506-005 (CGV), the Review Board issued IRs I.1-I.7 to the YKDFN and for the case of EA0506-006 (Sidon), the Review issued I.R. I.1 to the YKDFN. For your information, those IRs have been attached to this correspondence. In response to the issuance of those Information Requests, the Review Board received a letter from you, dated November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005, which indicated that the YKDFN was trying to respond to the Review Board's questions in preparation for the hearings that were to be held in December, 2005. Due to the inadequacy of the IR responses submitted by the Developers, the hearings were postponed indefinitely until the receipt of IR responses that would meet the Review Board's requirements and expectations.

In an effort to address the issue of outstanding Information Requests, and to move the environmental assessment process forward, CGV and Sidon have recently engaged the services of Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. A Rescan representative contacted the Review Board in early August to confirm their intentions to proceed on the environmental assessments. In light of this new development, the Review Board requests to know the YKDFN's intentions regarding its participation in the CGV and Sidon environmental assessments, and if possible, could it provide a timelines as to when the submission of the IRs issued to the YKDFN could be expected?

Should you have any questions or concerns with matters covered in this letter, do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Doherty".

Environmental Assessment Officer

*Attached: Information Requests to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation*

**Information Requests  
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures EA  
EA 0506 005**

**IR Number:** 1.1  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

**Preamble**

It is important for the Review Board to have a clear understanding of the significance of the proposed drill areas to the YKDFN. The Review Board has little detailed information on the uses and significance of the areas proposed for drilling in this development. The Review Board recognizes that Traditional Knowledge of the YKDFN may be a valuable source of information on historical land uses and important cultural sites.

**Request**

For the shoreline between Moose Bay and Drybones Bay,

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.
- b. Please describe what types of cultural sites, including heritage resources, are in the area.
- c. Please describe how important these cultural sites and heritage resources are to the culture of the YKDFN.

*Note: To assist in your response, the attached maps indicate the approximate locations of some drill targets in these areas. These maps are rough illustrations made by Review Board staff based on information from the developer, for those drill sites where the developer has indicated a specific target area or area of interest.*

*Maps by the developer are available on the Review Board's web site, at:*  
[http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/files/Registry/EA0506\\_005/EA\\_Start\\_Up/CGV%2005%20maps.pdf](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/files/Registry/EA0506_005/EA_Start_Up/CGV%2005%20maps.pdf)

**IR Number:** 1.2  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

**Preamble**

See IR 1.1.

**Request**

**For the northern end of Moose Bay,**

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.**
- b. Please describe what types of cultural sites, including heritage resources, are in the area.**
- c. Please describe how important these cultural sites and heritage resources are to the culture of the YKDFN.**

**IR Number:** 1.3  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

**Preamble**

See IR 1.1

**Request**

**For the Moose Lake and the inland area immediately north of Moose Lake (shown as the Moose Claim on CGV maps),**

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.**
- b. Please describe what types of cultural sites, including heritage resources, are in the area.**
- c. Please describe how important these cultural sites and heritage resources are to the culture of the YKDFN.**

**IR Number:** 1.4  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

**Preamble**

See IR 1.1.

**Request**

**For the JJ Mineral Claim area,**

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.**
- b. Please describe what types of cultural sites, including heritage resources, are in the area.**
- c. Please describe how important these cultural sites and heritage resources are to the culture of the YKDFN.**

**IR Number:** 1.5  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

**Preamble**

See IR 1.1

**Request**

**For the Cleft Mineral Claim area,**

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.**
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**IR Number:** 1.6  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

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And, how important is this area compared to Drybones Bay?

**Request**

**For the northeast arm of Zigzag Lake (shown on CGV maps as the ZZL Claim area),**

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.**
- b. Please describe what types of cultural sites, including heritage resources, are in the area.**
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**IR Number:** 1.7  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Protected Area Planning

**Preamble**

On Nov. 26, 2003, (during previous environmental assessment hearings for a different drilling exploration program by Consolidated Goldwin in this general area) YKDFN indicated that it would like to protect the area adjacent to the shoreline of Great Slave Lake.

**Request**

- a. Does YKDFN still wish to establish formal protection for this area?
- b. What actions have been taken by YKDFN to establish protection for this area over the last two years?



**Information Requests  
Sidon Int'l Resources Corp.  
EA 0506 006**

**IR Number:** 1.1  
**Source:** Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
**To:** Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
**Subject:** Cultural Impacts

**Preamble**

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**Request**

**For Defeat Lake and the surrounding area,**

- a. Please describe the YKDFN's current and past uses of the area. Include a description of any current harvesting, gathering, or other land uses.**
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