

Patrick Duxbury

From: Scott Robertson [greatslave@hotmail.com]
Sent: March 20, 2007 11:28 PM
To: Patrick Duxbury
Subject: RE: Consolidated Gold Win Venture-Request For Information

Dear Mr. Duxbury,

Thank you for your reply and for providing the document titled "Response to Information Requests Gold Win Ventures EA0506 005."

After reviewing the document in its entirety I do have concerns regarding the project and in particular the drill sites and access road proposed as outlined on the maps.

My foremost concern is the location of the proposed access road as shown on Figure 1. From the map it appears the proposed road will go through a particular bay on the shore of Great Slave Lake. This bay is an exceptionally important area for Northern Pike as it is a major spawning and habitation area. It is also a very active area for ducks and waterfowl year round and we have seen moose in this bay and surrounding area. Aboriginals hunt ducks and moose in this bay throughout the summer as well. There is also a large creek that empties next to this bay and I have observed large amounts of overflow in the winter and open water in the mouth of this small bay in the winter months as well. I am concerned that any activity in this bay will have a negative ecological impact particularly on fish habitat.

I will have to examine my maps to correlate all of the proposed drill sites to visualize their location but again I am concerned about the potential impact to the areas.

I also must strongly support the views of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre with concerns to the archaeological significance of the area. In my years guiding on the lake I have discovered a number of areas which show evidence of historical significance. The proposed access road comes ashore several kilometres away from the Old Fort Providence historic site. About 4 years ago I guided a group of reviewers who I believe were with the MVEIRB in the Drybone Bay area to show them areas that I have first hand knowledge of with historical significance. These included aboriginal grave sites, tent rings, and cabin foundations from old villages. These types of findings are not uncommon in this area and are of significant cultural and historical value.

I have seen the results of previous exploration in the area and their impact is not without significance. A small drill program in the early 1990s in Drybone Bay created significant disruption to the recreational use of the area for several years given the noise, smell, and industrial activity in the area. The residual effects of that drill program can still be seen as the path of drill rigs have left scars through the trees, core boxes and samples are still piled along the shore and remnants of the camp remains.

As recently as last summer abandoned fuel drums from this project were still left behind.

I think the impact of the current project underway on the east side of Drybone Bay is of note, in particular the impact of deforestation involved in the cut lines I have observed from the air and the decreased ability for others to use the area for recreation given the noise resultant from the industrial activity in the area.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further in your office. Please let me know when an appropriate time to come in would be.

Regards,

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