



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

By facsimile  
Our files: EA0506-005 and EA0506-006

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006

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

Re: Information Requests to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN)

Dear Ms. Crapeau,

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is conducting environmental assessments of Consolidated Gold Win Ventures' (CGV) [EA0506-005] and Sidon International Resources Corp's (Sidon) [EA0506-006] mineral exploration programs. The EA process for those two developments was significantly delayed due to the inability of the Developers to submit Information Requests (IRs) that met Review Board's requirements and expectations. In July 2007, Rescan Environmental Services was engaged to assist the Developers through the environmental assessment process and re-submitted responses were received on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The distribution lists for the two EAs have been notified regarding the submissions.

The public concern expressed by the YKDFN during the preliminary screening of the two developments was the principal factor leading the Review Board to conduct environmental assessments on its own motion pursuant to subsection 126(3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The participation of the YKDFN is essential for the Review Board to understand the nature of public concern surrounding these developments.

The Review Board has not yet received responses to information requests issued to the YKDFN on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005. For your reference, those IRs are attached to this correspondence. We would appreciate an indication of when we can expect responses to these IRs in order that we can adjust the Work Plans and complete the EAs for these proposed developments.

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 Dwyer", written over a light grey rectangular background.

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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- c. Please describe how important these cultural sites and heritage resources are to the culture of the YKDFN.**

**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.**
- c. Please describe how important these cultural sites and heritage resources are to the culture of the YKDFN.**

**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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