



The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's mission is to conduct quality environmental impact assessments that protect the environment and the social, economic, and cultural well being of the residents of the Mackenzie Valley and all Canadians.

Vice Chairperson appointed



The Review Board recently appointed Mr. Darryl Bohnet into the role of Vice Chairperson for the Review Board. In this role, whenever the Chairperson is unable to perform his or her duties, Mr. Bohnet will take on the Chairperson responsibilities, which include ensuring good governance, strong financial management, appropriate human resources, smooth operations and positive external relations. The Vice Chairperson position has been vacant since August 2008 after former Vice Chairperson, Mr. John Stevenson's term expired.

New Environmental Assessment

On February 27, 2009, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development referred Fortune Minerals' NICO Cobalt-Gold-Bismuth project to environmental assessment. The Department is of the opinion that the proposed development might have significant adverse impacts on the environment.

Prior to drafting the Terms of Reference and workplan for this assessment, the Review Board anticipates holding issues scoping sessions with interested parties to help identify what aspects of the development require further examination in the environmental assessment. Please visit reviewboard.ca and click on **Public Registry** for more information. You may also subscribe to this assessment's public registry updates service by visiting the website and clicking **email subscriptions**.



● Proposed development in environmental assessment or environmental impact review

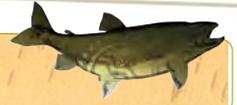
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Active environmental assessments



► Nico Project

Fortune Minerals Ltd.

EA0809-004

Status: *EA start-up*

This is an open pit and underground cobalt-gold-bismuth mine, located approximately 50 km north-north-east of What Ti. The Review Board is in the start-up phase of this assessment, which includes starting a public registry, notifying the public and potentially interested groups, developing a distribution list and preparing for public meetings to identify the issues.

► Yellowknife Gold Project

Tyhee NWT Corp.

EA0809-003

Status: *Draft Terms of Reference and workplan out for comment*

This is a proposed open pit gold mine, located 88 kilometres north of Yellowknife, near the old Discovery mine site. The Review Board has released the draft Terms of Reference and workplan for this environmental assessment. Comments were due February 20th, 2009.

► Prairie Creek Mine

Canadian Zinc Corporation

EA0809-002

Status: *Ruling made on scope of development. Currently drafting Terms of Reference*

This is a proposed underground lead-zinc mine, located in the Mackenzie Mountains within the South Nahanni River watershed, and in proximity to the Nahanni National Park Reserve. The Review Board has determined the winter road and the mine will be included in the scope of development. The Review Board will issue the draft Terms of Reference in the following weeks.

► Giant Mine Remediation Project

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada EA0809-001

Status: *Drafting Terms of Reference*

This is a proposed development to reclaim the Giant Mine site, located within the City of Yellowknife. The development includes the future disposition of 237,000 tonnes of arsenic trioxide currently stored underground. The Review Board is now drafting its Terms of Reference for this environmental assessment.

► Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project

Dezé Energy Corporation Ltd.

EA0708-007

Status: *Developer's Assessment Report received. Conducting conformity check*

This proposed development adds 36 megawatts of power generating capacity to the Taltson Twin Gorges Plant and includes a 690 kilometre transmission line to the diamond mines. The Review Board received Deze Energy Corp's Developer's Assessment Report and is currently reviewing it for its conformity to the Terms of Reference.

► Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass

Selwyn Resources Ltd.

EA0708-001

Status: *Hearing Preparation*

This is a proposed mineral exploration program on the NWT and Yukon border. The Review Board has scheduled a community hearing for April 7th, 2009.



Active environmental impact review



► Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine

De Beers Canada Inc. EIR0607-001

Status: *Waiting for Environmental Impact Statement; Terms of Reference were issued in October 2007*

The Review Board established the independent Gahcho Kue Review Panel to review this proposed diamond mine near Kennady Lake. De Beers has informed the Panel that it will not be submitting its Environmental Impact Statement until late 2009.

► Mackenzie Gas Project

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. EIR0405-001

Status: *The Joint Review Panel is drafting its Report of Environmental Impact Review*

The Review Board, the federal Minister of Environment and the Inuvialuit Game Council jointly established the Joint Review Panel to independently review this proposed gas pipeline. Visit www.ngps.nt.ca for more information.

Waiting for ministerial approval

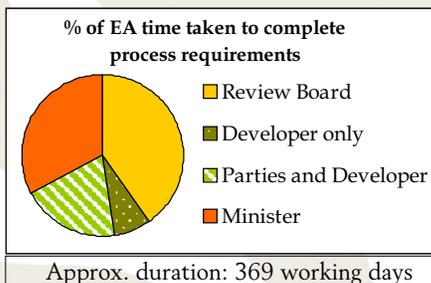
Reports submitted in 2008

► Crab Lake Mineral Exploration

Bayswater Uranium Corp. EA0708-005

Status: *Waiting for ministerial approval*

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the Dubawnt River Watershed. On September 12, 2008, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow this proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.

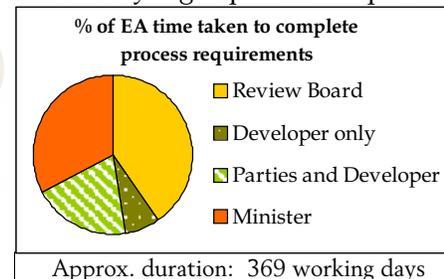


► EL Lake Mineral Exploration

Bayswater Uranium Corp. EA0708-004

Status: *Waiting for ministerial approval*

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the upper Thelon River watershed. On September 12, 2008, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers reject this proposed development without ordering an environmental impact review. The Review Board is of the opinion the proposed development will cause significant adverse cultural impacts on Aboriginal people by impacting an area of very high spiritual importance.





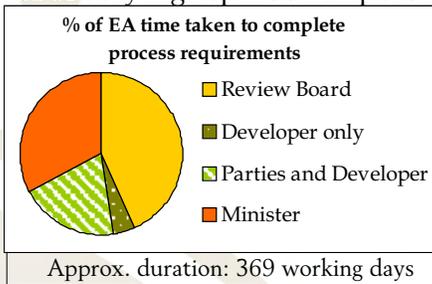
Waiting for ministerial approval cont'd

▶ North Boomerang Lake Mineral Exploration

Uravan Minerals Inc. EA0708-003

Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

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▶ South Boomerang Lake Mineral Exploration

Uravan Minerals Inc. EA0708-002

Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

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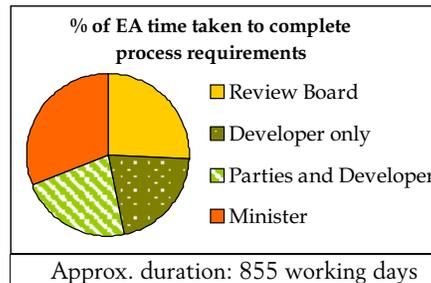


▶ Mineral Exploration Program

Sidon International Resources Corp. EA0506-006

Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed mineral exploration program at Defeat Lake. On February 6, 2008, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow the proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.



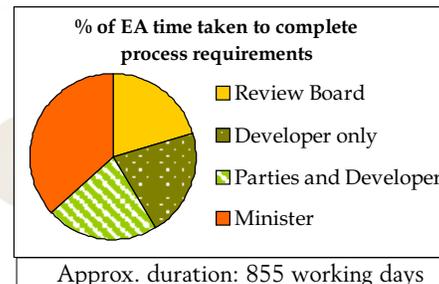
Reports submitted in 2007

▶ Mineral Exploration Program

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. EA0506-005

Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed diamond exploration program in the area of Drybones Bay. On November 30, 2007, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow the proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.





Waiting for ministerial approval cont'd



Reports submitted in 2006

► SDL-8 2D Geophysical Program

Paramount Resources Ltd. EA0506-007

Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed oil and gas geophysical program in the Cameron Hills area. On November 14, 2006, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow this proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.



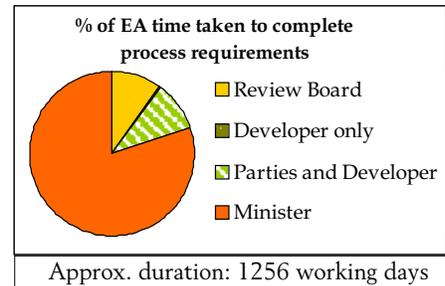
Reports submitted in 2005

► Dehcho Geotechnical Survey

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. EA0304-009

Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed oil and gas geotechnical program in the Dehcho region. On February 28, 2005, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow this proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*. In June 2005, the Minister of INAC initiated the consult-to-modify process. The Review Board continues to wait for feedback from the ministers.



Introducing Archie and Adele



While the Review Board's logo, website, newsletter, and other corporate materials received an overhaul as part of the Review Board's rebranding exercise, there was one vital piece still needing to be revamped with a new look and feel, Archie the Environmental Assessment Officer.

In the past, the Review Board used Archie to explain the process but decided it was time to revamp his style to give him a slightly more sophisticated and professional look while still keeping him friendly looking. The Review Board also decided a new character was needed to help with the workload, and so Adele was brought in to help Archie explain what the Review Board does and how people can get involved.

Keep an eye out for these two in the Review Board's future publications!



This is what we do: EIA Guidelines Overview



The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board encourages people to become meaningfully and effectively involved in environmental impact assessments. However, it can sometimes be an

intimidating process, especially for those who are unfamiliar with what happens in the environmental impact assessment process. For instance, do you know how to register to present at a hearing, or do you know how to participate without being a registered party? To help you to understand the Review Board process and tips for how you can become involved, the Review Board has developed the “Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines Overview”. It is a very useful and handy tool.

In 2004, the Review Board released the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines* to help participants and others to understand what the EIA process is in the Mackenzie Valley. A few years later, a “spin off” version called the “Environmental Assessment Guidelines Overview” was developed, which is a smaller and simpler handbook. This handbook is meant to encourage and increase participation in environmental assessments in the Mackenzie Valley by helping the public better understand the environmental assessment process. These guidelines are meant to be used by anybody who would like to participate either as a registered party or a member of the public. It can also be used by researchers and students interested in the Mackenzie Valley environmental assessment process, or even by developers who are looking to better understand their role.

To make these guideline overviews more accessible to the Mackenzie Valley residents, the Review Board has translated the “Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines Overview” into

the five Dene languages of the Northwest Territories. These languages are Tlicho, Chipewyan, North Slavey, South Slavey and Gwich'in. They have also been translated and available in French. Each overview book has both the English and the translated version.

Because the Review Board needs to continually grow and adapt to changes, the Review Board is currently updating its *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines*. After we finish updating these guidelines, we will look at making changes to its little sister document, the “Environmental Assessment Guidelines Overview”.

If you would like a copy, please e-mail myself, the Community Liaison Officer, Jessica Simpson at jsimpson@reviewboard.ca. You can also call 1-867-766-7050 or toll-free from the Yukon, NWT and Nunavut at 1-866-912-3472. These overviews are also available on our website at reviewboard.ca in the Reference Library.

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