



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Re: *Start of Participant Comment Period*

NOTES:

*See attached for details on the Participant Comment period.
 The deadline for comments is 5:00pm, Sept. 2/03.
 Please call if you have any questions.*

Sherry Sian

Note: The revised schedule is also attached & will be posted on the web site

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August 18, 2003

To: Distribution

Re: Participant Comment Period for the Drybones/Wool Bay Developments – Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resources Corp. and New Shoshoni Ventures

We are now entering the next phase of the Environmental Assessment for Drybones/Wool Bay developments. The participant comments phase is designed to encourage discussion among the parties focused on the Developer's Assessment Report(s).

All submissions should be sent to the Review Board for re-distribution. This step will ensure that the material is added on to the public registry and assigned a number to effectively track the discussion. The attachment will explain this part of the process to help you to participate effectively. *Written comments must be received by the end of day Monday, September 2, 2003 to be considered as part of the Public Record.* Please ensure you provide the following information for each submission:

- Party making submission;
- Date of submission;
- Analysis by topic (i.e., heritage, traditional land use, fish and wildlife, etc.):
 - Development(s) of concern for the chosen topic(s);
 - Section(s) of the Developer's Assessment Report(s) the concern relates to;
 - Questions about the topic, including the party you would like to respond; and,
 - Any other comments you would like the Review Board to consider.

The parties should have already received the final version of the Developer's Assessment Report. Revised Developer's Assessment Reports from Consolidated Goldwin Ventures and New Shoshoni Ventures arrived on August 15, 2003. For those of you on the distribution lists for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures and New Shoshoni Ventures, please ensure that you are reviewing the most recent report.

If you did not receive the Developer's Assessment Report for the Environmental Assessment(s) that you are a party to or have any questions, please call me at 867-766-7063.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Sian".

Sherry Sian

Environmental Assessment Officer

PARTICIPANT COMMENT PERIOD

Purpose

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resources Corp. and New Shoshoni Ventures are being assessed through coordinated Environmental Assessment processes. There are two participant comment periods included in these Environmental Assessments. This first participant comment phase is intended to:

- Evaluate the adequacy and quality of the submissions for making good environmental assessment decisions; and
- Verify the scope of issues based on the Developers Assessment Reports provided by Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resources Corporation and New Shoshoni Ventures.

Process

Written communications between the parties will be distributed throughout this period and placed on the public registry. All parties may respond to comments submitted during this phase. Upon completion of the participant comment phase, the comments will be analyzed to identify issues for discussion at the pre-hearing conference. The pre-hearing conference will review outstanding issues and define a fair process for the public hearing. Presentations by developers at the public hearing will focus on unresolved issues.

Review Considerations

This approach has not been used in Environmental Assessments conducted by the Review Board before. This document has been prepared to help the parties to prepare their submissions and to focus their review of the Developer's Assessment Reports.

The Review Board must make an Environmental Assessment decision for each of these developments. The parties should provide clear, specific and detailed comments for each development and where appropriate, comment on each development relative to all others for regional concerns. A single submission about all developments relevant to the parties is welcome but the comments should clearly indicate the development(s) to which each comment is directed.

Submissions that clearly outline comments, concerns and remaining questions will help the Review Board to finalize the scope of the Public Hearing. The final determination of the scope of the public hearing will be determined after the pre-hearing conference.

Some questions that you may wish to consider in your review of the Developer's Assessment Report are provided below. Other specific questions or comments may be based on your organization's role in land use planning and resource management. Please feel free to provide any other comments you may have that may need to be addressed by the Review Board.

1. Do you have any questions about the development, described in the Developer's Assessment Report, which limits your ability to evaluate the impact predictions and mitigations? If yes, please list them.
2. What is your confidence level in the impact predictions and mitigations put forward by the developer? Please explain.
3. Has the developer identified and considered all potential effects of the environment on the development? Please explain.
4. Do you have any evidence or knowledge that the Review Board should consider in evaluating the impact predictions and the effectiveness of the mitigation for potential impacts on...
 - subsistence and traditional land use?
 - fish and wildlife?
 - cultural and heritage resources?
5. Do you have any knowledge that may improve the proposed mitigation measures or the development overall?
6. Based on your review of the Developer's Assessment Reports, what remaining concerns do you have that should be addressed at the public hearing?
7. Please identify any remaining questions about, or comments on, the proposed development that are relevant to the environmental assessment.

Limitation

The Final Terms of Reference and Work Plan for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resources Corporation and New Shoshoni Ventures did not include cumulative effects due to the need for a regional approach. The Developer's Assessment Reports do not explicitly address cumulative effects.

The Review Board commissioned a cumulative effects study as a resource to focus discussion on cumulative effects. The participant comment phase after the release of the cumulative effects study will clarify concerns about potential cumulative effects. The developer's formal submission on cumulative effects will consist of a response to the cumulative effects study at the public hearing.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Sherry Sian by phone at (867) 766-7063 or by e-mail at ssian@mveirb.nt.ca.

ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	June		July		August		September		October		November		Dec
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1	Scope of Factors and Work Plan	17 days	Fri 6/20/03	Wed 7/16/03													
2	Issue draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan	0 days	Fri 6/20/03	Fri 6/20/03													
3	Deadline for Comments on draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan	5 days	Tue 6/24/03	Mon 6/30/03													
4	Review, analyze and incorporate comments	3 days	Wed 7/2/03	Fri 7/4/03													
5	Release final Terms of Reference and Work Plan	8 days	Mon 7/7/03	Wed 7/16/03													
6	Assessment	57 days	Thu 7/24/03	Wed 10/15/03													
7	Developer submits Developer's Assessment Report	16 days	Thu 7/24/03	Fri 8/15/03													
8	Participants Comments - Round 1	10 days	Tue 8/19/03	Tue 9/2/03													
9	Receipt of Cumulative Effects Study	0 days	Thu 9/4/03	Thu 9/4/03													
10	Participant Comments - Round 2	10 days	Thu 9/4/03	Wed 9/17/03													
11	Pre-Hearing Conference	2 days	Thu 9/18/03	Fri 9/19/03													
12	Preparation and Conduct of Public Hearing	12 days	Mon 9/22/03	Tue 10/7/03													
13	Closure of Public Registry	5 days	Wed 10/8/03	Wed 10/15/03													
14	Decision and Reporting	32 days	Thu 10/16/03	Fri 11/28/03													
15	Review Board EA decision	27 days	Thu 10/16/03	Fri 11/21/03													
16	Review Board's Report of EA	5 days	Mon 11/24/03	Fri 11/28/03													

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Date: Mon 8/18/03

Task: Progress, Baseline, Milestone, Baseline Milestone

Summary: Summary, Rolled Up Task, Rolled Up Milestone, Baseline Summary, Rolled Up Baseline

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- Progress: Dotted bar
- Baseline: Dashed bar
- Milestone: Diamond
- Baseline Milestone: Diamond with border
- Summary: Solid bar with arrow
- Rolled Up Task: Solid bar with arrow
- Rolled Up Milestone: Solid bar with arrow
- Baseline Summary: Dotted bar with arrow
- Rolled Up Baseline: Dotted bar with arrow

Project Summary: Group By Summary, Deadline