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Dear Sirs,

As you may be aware, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) has recently received referrals of three developments (Consolidated Gold Win Ventures, North American General Resources Corp., and New Shoshoni Ventures) for environmental assessment. All of these developments are in the Drybones Bay/Wool Bay area of the Northwest Territories. The Review Board is legally required to conduct an environmental assessment on each development referred to it, as per section 126(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Considering the type and scale of these activities, the Review Board has created an approach to these environmental assessments that will hopefully be less onerous on each of you as developers, while satisfying the information needs of the Review Board. Rather than have each developer conduct individual cumulative effects assessments of the impacted area, the Review Board is planning to conduct one overall regional cumulative effects assessment. The Review Board will fund the CE assessment. It is expected to be completed by July 29, 2003 following which it will be integrated into the work plan of each of your three individual environmental assessments. Four local companies have

been invited to bid on this work. The selection process has been designed so that the successful company can commence work the week of June 9<sup>th</sup> so as to avoid any delay to the proposed timeline for the environmental assessment process.

Review Board staff would like to hold a meeting with all three developers, to further describe the approach and overall process that will be followed, including opportunities for input to the Terms of Reference and Work Plan. Review Board staff will be able to respond to any other process related questions you may have.

We would like to hold this meeting on June 9, 2003 at 11:00 am. Please respond to Sherry Sian, Environmental Assessment Officer, to indicate whether you can participate at your soonest convenience.

Sincerely,



Vern Christensen  
Executive Director





## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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