

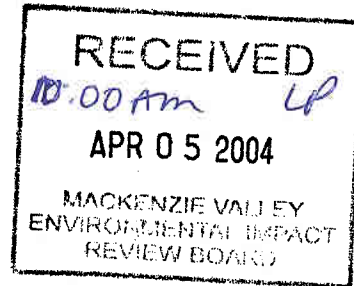


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Mr. Todd Burlingame
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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

On behalf of the responsible Ministers, thank you for providing us with the *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the New Shoshoni Ventures Preliminary Diamond Exploration in Drybones Bay*, dated February 10, 2004.

Pursuant to section 128 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the report is currently being reviewed by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the responsible Ministers. I expect that we will be responding to the report shortly.

Sincerely,

Andy Mitchell

c.c.: The Honourable Geoff Regan, PC, MP
The Honourable David Anderson, PC, MP
The Honourable Brendan Bell, MLA

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