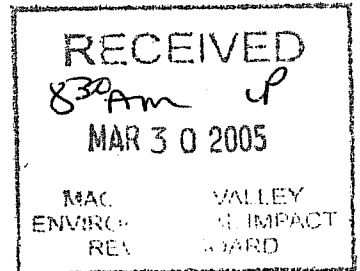




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**RE: New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. (New Shoshoni) Land Use Application
MV20030016**

Attention: Mr. Sirs:

As a follow up to our meeting of February 14, 2005 regarding the New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. Land Use Permit MV20030016, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) would like to communicate its support of the recommendations made by Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) regarding New Shoshoni's proposed development at Drybones Bay:

The MVEIRB concluded that even with the implementation of the commitments made by New Shoshoni and with the implementation of all reasonable mitigation measures, there would be no effective means to reduce or mitigate the significant adverse environmental impact of New Shoshoni's proposed development. The proposed development, in the Review Board's opinion, would be likely to cause an adverse impact on the environment so significant that it cannot be justified.

Prior to and at the time of the MVEIRB Board Hearing, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation expended significant human and financial resources to protect the Drybones Bay area and its surrounding environment. The whole of the Drybones Bay area is culturally and environmentally significant to the YKDFN and its history. For this and other reasons, we are not prepared to give consideration to any further Applications for Land Use Permits in the Drybones Bay area.

We would also bring to your attention that certain recommendations of the MVEIRB specifically relating to the role of various Departments of the Governments of Canada and Government of the Northwest Territories have not yet been implemented. The MVEIRB recommended that the Federal and NWT Governments in consultation with the YKDFN design and test a model for Crown consultation in dealing with the land use issues and further suggested a Permit approach to avoid future use conflicts. At this

time none of those initiatives have been proceeded with.

We trust this makes our position clear.

Sincerely,



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