



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Subject:	Request for Ruling from YKDFN (EA-03-006)		

NOTES:

REMINDER: The Pre-Hearing Conference for Snowfield Development Corporation will be tomorrow from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Parties wishing to call in should let me know as soon as possible for phone access information. Please refer to the attached draft agenda for details of the Pre-Hearing Conference and Public Hearing.

Also, a Request for Ruling from the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) has been received. According to the Rules of Procedure, parties may submit comments on this request by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 28. The Request for Ruling seeks a change to the schedule for the Pre-Hearing and Public Hearing dates. The lateness of submission does not allow the Review Board sufficient time to receive comments from other parties and to make a decision to change the date of the Pre-Hearing Conference. The Pre-Hearing Conference will take place as scheduled. The Board welcomes comments regarding the YKDFN's request before ruling on changing the date of the Public Hearing. A ruling from the Board on this matter will be forthcoming next week.

Please give me a call, should you have any questions.

Sherry

Snowfield Development Corporation

Pre Hearing Conference November 28, 2003
Via telephone

Draft Agenda

- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome (Moderator: John Donihee)
- 9:10 a.m.** Review of Snowfield EA Process
- 9:20 a.m.** Confirmation of Parties
(status, presentation and time requirements)
- 9:30 a.m.** Hearing Presentations
(submission requirements and deadlines)
- 9:45 a.m.** Review of Draft Hearing Agenda
- 10:30 a.m.** Questions and Concerns

NOTES

- To avoid excess telephone traffic, any parties to this Environmental Assessment that are located in or near Yellowknife are asked to attend the Pre Hearing Conference in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Boardroom, located on the second floor of the Scotia Centre at 5102 50th Avenue.
- Parties that wish to participate remotely must first advise the lead Environmental Assessment Officer, Sherry Sian (Ph: 766-7063/ E-mail: ssian@mveirb.nt.ca), in order to ensure additional lines. You will then be given a telephone and access code to dial into the conference.

Snowfield Development Corporation

Public Hearing

Northern United Place

December 16, 2003

Draft Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by the Chair
- 9:15 a.m. Rulings/Decisions (if required)
- 9:30 a.m. Developers Presentations
- Snowfield Development Corporation
- Discussion/Question and Answer period after each presentation*
- 10:30 a.m. Health Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentations of Parties/Interveners
- Yellowknives Dene First Nation
 - North Slave Métis Alliance
 - NWT Metis Nation
 - NWT/NU Chamber of Mines
 - Environment Canada
 - GNWT-RWED
 - DFO
 - INAC
 - Deninu K'ue First Nation
 - Greg Robertson
 - Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation
- Discussion/Question and Answer period after each presentation*
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. Presentations of Parties/Interveners
- Discussion/Question and Answer period after each presentation*
- 3:30 p.m. Health Break
- 3:45 p.m. Presentations of Parties/Interveners
- Discussion/Question and Answer period after each presentation*
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner Break

Public Hearing Draft Agenda

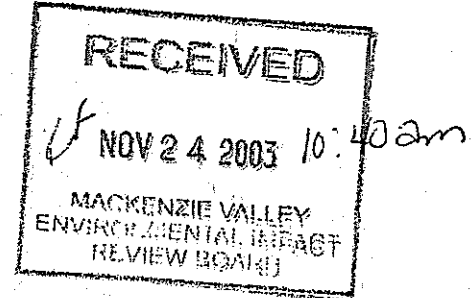
- 7:00 p.m. Presentations by Public
- 8:00 p.m. Closing Statements (10 min. each)
Start with Interveners and end with Developers
- 10:20 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chair



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**RE: IR Number 1 - Information Requests for the Snowfield Development Corporation
Provided by the YKDFN for the Review Board's Consideration and Issuance Under
its Authority.**

Dear Ms. Sian,

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) is pleased to provide the Review Board the attached Information Requests (IRs). The YKDFN would like to express concern about the hurried nature of this environmental assessment especially given the change in the scope of assessment to include bulk sampling, the addition of a second Developer Assessment Report, and overlapping environmental assessments.

The YKDFN respectfully asks the Review Board to postpone the upcoming Snowfield pre-hearing conference and public hearing and so that Snowfield can benefit from the upcoming hearings for the three concurrent environmental assessments of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resources Corporation, and Shoshone Ventures. This will enable the proponent to benefit from the results of the hearings, provide any supplemental information and provide an opportunity for the proponent to work with the YKDFN in meaningful consultation. In addition, the public hearing is scheduled very close to Christmas and is not conducive to engaging broad YKDFN membership and public participation. Please consider this a formal request for ruling pursuant to the Review Board's rules of procedure.

Sincerely,


Chief Peter Liske - Dettah


Chief Darrell Beaulieu - Ndilo

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