

Our File: EA-03-006

August 29, 2003

Mr. Laurence Stephenson
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Dear Mr. Stephenson;

Re: Snowfield Development Corp.'s Planned Operation and Developer's Assessment Report

The Review Board has received your response to the deficiency letter of August 27, 2003. The clarification of the intent of Snowfield Development Corp. to pursue staged development with future land use permit amendments, as required, in accordance with the application already filed with the MVLWB is noted. Bulk sampling will therefore be viewed throughout the remainder of this Environmental Assessment as a potential future development based upon the need for a land use permit amendment.

The Review Board has reviewed the revised Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) submitted by Snowfield Development Corp. for Diamond Exploration at Drybones. The following acknowledged as complete:

- Section B-1 (Corporate History) is now adequate for the consideration of the Review Board due to the addition of an appendix listing other projects.
- Section C-3 (Operations) although still not explicitly noting the setback distance in metres, it is accepted that operations will occur in compliance with existing guidelines and that the developer will read these guidelines to ensure they are familiar with existing setback distances. Further as the drilling in the Fate Claim is now clearly noted to be on land near Defeat Lake it is understood that there will be no drilling on water.

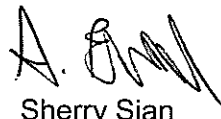
The DAR still does not provide information necessary to address several items in the Final Terms of Reference. The following items will need to be addressed so that this Environmental Assessment can proceed:

- Section C-2 (Location and Design of Operations) and Section C-4 (Water Use) will be addressed through the provision of revised maps that are forthcoming to show existing trails that will be used to access the approximate drill area locations and lakes and ponds used as water sources for drilling activities already depicted on the maps.

- Section C-2 (Location and Design of Operations) requires a timeline to show when each activity will be undertaken for each claim area as alluded to in the accompanying text to show when activities will occur in each claim area relative to each other for the duration of the operation.
- Section L (Cumulative Effects) does not contain any analysis to draw the conclusion that there are no cumulative effects and remains the most substantial deficiency. In the event that the Draft Terms of Reference is being used as the basis for this submission, please refer to the attached excerpt from the Final Terms of Reference and respond to each item directly.

Please respond to the remaining questions at your earliest convenience to avoid further delays in this Environmental Assessment process.

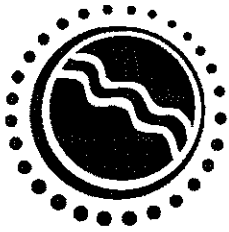
Sincerely,



Br,

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NOTES:

Please see attached follow-up correspondence and relevant excerpts of the Final Terms of Reference.

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