

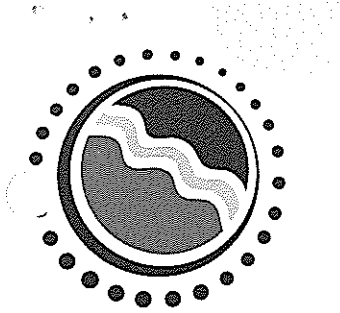
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December 1, 2003

Chief Peter Liske – Dettah
Chief Darrel Beaulieu – N'Dilo
Yellowknives Dene First Nation
Box 2514
Yellowknife NT X1A 2P8

Dear Chief Liske and Chief Beaulieu;

RE: Submission of Information Requests for Snowfield Development Corporation

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) would like to thank the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) for its submission of Information Requests related to the Snowfield Development Corporation's Environmental Assessment in the Drybones Bay area. As you are aware, the deadline for Information Request submissions was end of day Tuesday, November 18, 2003.

The Review Board met Monday, November 24, 2003 to address the issuance of the second round of Information Requests in this Environmental Assessment. As your submission was not received until November 21st, the Board had insufficient time to properly consider it. Therefore, the second round of Information Requests released on Monday, November 24, 2003 does not reflect the YKDFN submission.

The Board appreciates the interest the YKDFN have in the proceedings of this Environmental Assessment and in seeking answers to the Information Requests it has submitted to the Board. While the Board has not issued the YKDFN's proposed Information Requests, they have been placed on the public registry. We will write the developer and encourage them to review your questions and to be prepared to respond to these concerns at the Public Hearing.

Further, the Review Board is also considering the YKDFN Request for Ruling on schedule changes to Snowfield Development Corporation's (SDC's) Environmental Assessment (EA).

To alleviate the concern the YKDFN may have had regarding the hearing dates and the availability of elders and other presenters for the SDC public hearing on December 16th the Review Board has decided to incorporate all of the public hearing evidence received

by the Board at the November 25-26th public hearings into the public record for the SDC EA. In that way the evidence provided by all of the presenters on behalf of the YKDFN regarding the other three similar diamond exploration developments proposed for the Drybones/Wool Bay area need not be repeated at the December 16th public hearing into the proposed SDC development.

In the meantime the Board is seeking the views of the parties to the YKDFN request for a deferral of the scheduled December 16th public hearing until the new year.

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any concerns, please contact Sherry Sian, Environmental Assessment Officer, at 766-7063.

Sincerely,



Vern Christensen
Executive Director

