



Our File: EA-03-006

August 26, 2003

Mr. Laurence Stephenson
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Dear Mr. Stephenson;

Re: Snowfield Development Corp.'s Developer's Assessment Report

The Review Board has reviewed the above referenced report and has found that Snowfield Development Corp.'s Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) for Diamond Exploration at Drybones Bay does not conform to the terms of reference set out by the Board. The DAR does not provide information necessary to address several items in the Final Terms of Reference.

In addition, the DAR makes reference to activities outside the Scope of Environmental Assessment. As noted in the Scope of Environmental Assessment (on page 2 of the Final Terms of Reference and Work Plan), the initiation of bulk sampling activities would require a land use permit amendment and are therefore outside the scope of this environmental assessment. The inclusion of this activity as noted in Section C, Development Description, on page 7 represents a departure from the Snowfield's original land use permit application.

In order to determine how to proceed with this environmental assessment, the Review Board would like written clarification as to whether Snowfield Development Corp. intends to undertake bulk sampling. This information should be provided in writing no later than the close of the business day August 29, 2003. If Snowfield Development Corp. wishes to pursue bulk sampling as part of this development, it will be necessary to determine whether Snowfield should re-submit its land use permit application with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

In the event that Snowfield Development Corp. does not wish to expand its operations, the following deficiencies must be addressed before the Snowfield Development Corp. Environmental Assessment can proceed to the information request phase. Please review the attached Final Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment for the Snowfield Development Corporation Mineral Exploration before making these revisions.

Section B-1 (Corporate History) does not list other mineral exploration programs undertaken by Snowfield Development Corp. in Canada and the north, although these projects are noted on the web site.

- Please add a list of projects or include these project profiles in an appendix as part of the Developer's Assessment Report.

Section C-2 (Location and Design of Operations) does not include maps containing sufficient detail to depict access to all drill locations.

- Specifically, how will Snowfield Development Corp. access each drill location on the claims designated for exploration?

Section C-3 (Operations) does not contain some important operational information.

- What set backs from water bodies will be used for drill pads, sumps and fuel storage?
- Please clarify the discrepancy in statements regarding on-ice and on-land drill holes. Specifically, on page 8 discussions of the Fate Claim activities note that there will be "up to 3 drill holes from one site into a known geophysical target on Defeat Lake" with the statement on page 13 that indicates that "all drill sites are on land based". What proportion of the total number of drill holes will be on water and on land?
- Please provide a timeline that shows when each activity will be undertaken for each claim area. This figure should clearly show when different activities (i.e., road construction, surveys, drilling, and restoration) would be expected to occur. This timeline will also aid in the cumulative effects assessment, allowing you to determine what activities may be ongoing concurrent with the Snowfield Development Corp.'s proposed development.

Section C-4 (Water Use) does not contain information about the sources of water.

- Which lakes and ponds will be used as sources of water for the Snowfield Development Corp.'s proposed development? Please identify these lakes on the operations maps.

Section L (Cumulative Effects) does not provide a preliminary cumulative effects assessment as per the terms described. The Review Board will therefore allow Snowfield Development Corporation to amend their submission on Cumulative Effects at the Public Hearing after the cumulative effects study is released. It should be noted that grid establishment and associated activities, although not achieving regulatory thresholds, should be taken into account to the extent that they may affect the valued components considered by Snowfield Development Corp..



The schedule for the pre-hearing conference and public hearing is contingent upon the receipt of a complete Developer's Assessment Report. Please address these deficiencies at your earliest convenience to avoid unnecessary delays in the Environmental Assessment process.

Sincerely,



Vern Christensen
Executive Director

Cc: Robert Paterson, Snowfield Development Corporation
Melody McLeod, Mackenzie valley Land and Water Board

