

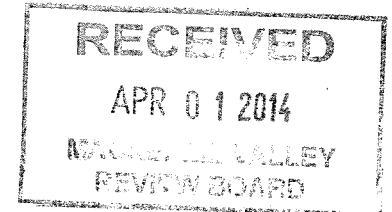
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Mr. Richard Edjericon  
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Dear Mr. Edjericon:

I am writing on behalf of the Responsible Ministers in regard to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the WestKam Gold Corporation (formerly Encore Renaissance Resources Corporation and Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Incorporated) Mineral Exploration Program (EA0506-005) in the area north of Drybone Bay.

New information regarding this project has been posted on the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board that affects this environmental assessment process. As described in the August 2, 2013 letter from the Mining Recorder's Office, the mineral claims pertinent to the land use permit application that triggered the environmental assessment have lapsed. In a letter dated November 14, 2013, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board informed the proponent that it no longer meets the eligibility requirements to be granted a land use permit for the activities listed in its permit application (MV2004C0038).

The Responsible Ministers and I cannot make a Section 130 decision on the Report of Environmental Assessment for this project as it is no longer an eligible application due to the lapsed mineral claims that support the land use permit application. We therefore ask that the review board cancel and close this environmental assessment in a timely manner.

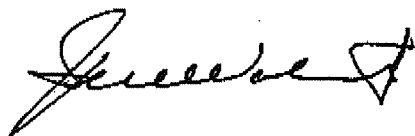
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I would like to thank the Review Board for its diligent work on this assessment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Valcourt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct loop at the end.

Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: Mr. Matt Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office  
Mr. David Burden, Regional Director General, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Mr. Ray Case, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate and Strategic Planning,  
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