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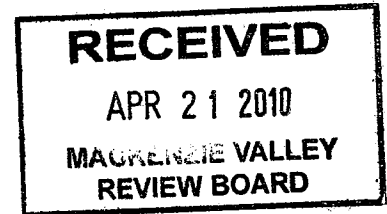


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Mr. Richard Edjericon  
Chair  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact  
Review Board  
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**RE: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on  
Sidon International Resources Corp. Exploratory Drilling at Defeat Lake  
(EA0506-006)**

Dear Mr. Edjericon:

As the federal Minister, and on behalf of the other Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to this development (Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Environment and Natural Resources), I am writing to provide you with an update on the status of our decision on the recommendation that was made by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board pursuant to sub-paragraph 128(1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The Responsible Ministers' review of the report and the recommendation of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, including the three mitigation measures, is still under way. As soon as the review process is complete, I will inform you of our decision.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

c.c.: The Honourable Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP  
The Honourable Gail Shea, PC, MP  
The Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, MLA

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