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Attention: Mr. Ehrlich;

**RE: INFORMATION REQUESTS FOR CONSOLIDATED GOLDWIN VENTURES & SIDON INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES CORPORATION**

Please find attached requests for additional information from Consolidated Goldwin Ventures & Sidon International Resources Corporation. If you want me to clarify any of the questions feel free to call me at 669-9002.

In addition to the Information Requests the Yellowknives Dene First Nation respectfully asks the Review Board to provide its opinion on the following matters which the YKDFN believe are central to respecting our respective roles and responsibilities in the environmental assessments.

- 1. The impact assessment for the proposed Development as a whole is complete before the project can be divided into its various components for regulatory approval.”<sup>1</sup>**
- 2. “Environmental assessment is intended to avoid problems through foresight, not to delegate impact decision making requirements to other agencies.”**

The YKDFN sincerely hopes the MVEIRB will not be swayed by inevitable claims “in favour of the proposal on the basis that the terms and conditions of surface leases, land

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<sup>1</sup> Nunavut Impact Review Board, (2004). Final Hearing Report for the Doris North Gold Mine Project File # 02MN134. Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. Doris North Gold Mine Application.

use permits, water licences, fisheries authorizations etc... provide adequate assurance that any issues will be resolved before the mine proceeding. The YKDFN would like the MVEIRB to clarify at the outset of the environmental assessments if the following statement is applicable.

- 3. The MVEIRB “has an obligation to consider a wide range of matters in an integrated fashion and to base its consideration on information brought forward by a broad range of stakeholders and in a manner that is determined by the nature of the project and range of impacts. Only once the determination is made as to whether the project as a whole should proceed is it appropriate to divide the various components of the project out for approval by the multitude of regulatory agencies and organizations that will make detailed permitting and other authorizing decisions within the scope of their particular mandate.”<sup>2</sup> The MVEIRB “would fail in its mandate if it chose to delegate a matter that has the potential to significantly effect the ecosystemic integrity and well-being of the Yellowknives Dene to one, or even several, regulatory bodies or organizations on the basis that the organization had sufficient power to “halt” the proposed project.”<sup>3</sup>**

Finally, it would be useful if Mr. Stephenson could submit digital files of all its maps and figures in a format suitable for importing into an ESRI ArcView Geographic Information System (GIS) version 3 or later.

As noted earlier in this letter, if the Proponent does not want to release the information in that format, the burden of proving it is unreasonable or unlawful to do to the Board falls on the Developer, not on the Yellowknives Dene. That is, the Yellowknives should not have the burden of proving the Developer can release the digital information requested. It is the Proponents job to convince the Board it cannot release the data in the requested format.

Thank you for the opportunity of participating in these important environmental assessments.

Sincerely,  
**YKDFN Land and Environment Department**

*“original signed by”*

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**Rachel Ann Crapeau**  
Manager

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.