

APPENDIX G

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RECORD OF CONSULTATION

TYHEE NW T CORP
YELLOW KNIFE GOLD PROJECT - 2008

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EBA Engineering Ltd

Creating and Delivering Better Solutions

November 29, 2004

Land and Resources Manager
North Slave Métis Alliance
4916 – 49 Street
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Dear Kris Johnson:

Re: Consultation Meeting with Tyhee NWT Corp.

Dave Webb, President and Roger Sylvestre of Tyhee NWT Corp. appreciated meeting with Rashna Bunden and yourself last week. The key focus of the meeting was to ensure the North Slave Métis are receiving accurate information on the Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP), as well as give your community an opportunity to discuss issues or concerns.

Two issues highlighted in the discussions were the environmental impacts of the mine and economic opportunities for local people. Tyhee is taking into consideration the present impacts to the Discovery Mine area and progressing with the intent to minimize its footprint on the landscape. When the site tour in the summer 2005 is underway, this should reflect the decisions Tyhee is making.

Tyhee's corporate policy is to buy locally and hire locally. Tyhee is presently developing strategies to enable local people to participate in the YGP. This will assist in creating greater opportunities for your participation in the YGP.

The 2004 fieldwork is presently being incorporated into a project description report. This report will accompany an application for a water license and land use permit for YGP. It is anticipated that the application will be submitted in late winter 2005.

If you have any concerns that were not raised during our meeting or require additional information on the project please do not hesitate to contact me at (403) 723-6879.

Sincerely,

Ken Weagle
Project Manager
EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.

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Rachel Crapeau
Land and Environment Committee
Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah)
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Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Email: rachelc@ykdene.com

Dear Rachel

We're pleased with the feedback we've received from the Yellowknives First Nation, and feel we should continue keeping you up to date with our vision and plans for our Yellowknife Gold Project. As well, we made some commitments to you at our meeting in July of this year and we'd like to follow through on that.

First, we're pleased with the progress we've made in advancing our understanding of the geology and environment of the Yellowknife Gold Project area in general, and the Ormsby Zone mineralization in particular. We are hoping to continue with a similar but expanded program in 2005. As such, we hope to mobilize materials up the winter road in 2004/2005.

We have discussed access issues with you in the past, and you've made it clear that unrestricted access can and does present problems. The government has not restricted access to winter roads in the past, and is unlikely to do so in the future.

Tyhee would like to discuss a winter road monitoring system, whereby we could monitor traffic on the ice road. The people involved would not be expected to stop or interview individuals except if they chose to stop on a strictly voluntary basis. Our monitors would however note all access on the road. At this point we feel we could use your organization to assist in developing this program and provide the staff to run it. At present we are anticipating a Mineral Development Advisory Group (MDAG) meeting in mid-January and we could meet with you then as well. If appropriate I would like to meet with you at that time to further develop the winter road monitoring program.

As well, we should discuss a process for making our surplus materials available to individuals in Dettah or N'Dilo. We would anticipate surplus trailers, vehicles, generators, compressors, as well as miscellaneous items. . Could you suggest a mechanism for transferring this equipment to a band member and having it removed from the property?

We look forward to a productive working relationship with the Yellowknife Dene Bands.

Sincerely
Tyhee NWT Corp

Per D.R. Webb, President

EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.

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December 1, 2004

Yellowknives Dene First Nations – N'dilo
PO Box 2514
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8

Dear Chief Darryl Beaulieu:

Re: Consultation Meeting with Tyhee NWT Corp.

Dave Webb, President and Roger Sylvestre of Tyhee NWT Corp. (Tyhee) appreciated meeting with you, on November 18. The key focus of the meeting was to ensure the Yellowknives N'dilo community are receiving accurate information on the Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP), as well as give you the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns.

As discussed, Tyhee will continue to meet with Rachel Crapeau, Land and Environmental Manager, Yellowknives. Economic opportunities for the local people and the environmental impacts of the mine are concerns, at which Tyhee will be cognizant of in their mine plan. Tyhee is taking into consideration the present impacts to the Discovery Mine area and progressing with the intent to minimize its footprint on the landscape. When the site tour in the summer 2005 is underway, this should reflect the decisions Tyhee is making.

Tyhee's corporate policy is to buy locally and hire locally. Tyhee is presently developing strategies to enable local people to participate in the YGP. It is advisable for the North Slave Métis to initiate training programs for the local people. This will assist in creating greater opportunities for participation in the YGP.

The 2004 fieldwork review of the YGP is underway. When the synthesis is completed, the recommendations from the field staff will be forwarded to you. It would be appreciated if at that time, you can bring forward any comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Ken Weagle
Project Manager
EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.

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Section 2 - Email and Phone Contacts List

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DATE	LOCATION	GROUP	REPRESENTATIVE	DISCUSSION
June 10/04	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Zabey Nevitt	The Land and Environment Committee meets on Monday. Zabey Nevitt will bring forward the research permits and request a consultation meeting date.
June 11/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Louis Azzolini is working with Rachel Crapeau and will be available for a consultation meeting. Water quality is an issue and he will ensure there is an expert present for the meeting.
	Yellowknife	North Slave Metis	Janell Dautel	Assisting Kris Johnson in the environmental work. Kris Johnson is back on June 22 and will contact me regarding the research permits and a consultation meeting.
June 14/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	The consultation meeting dates are fine. Louis Azzolini will review be reviewing the permits with Rachel this week and further contact will be made.
	Lutsel K'e	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Left phone message .
June 15/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Zabey Nevitt	The research application didn't make the agenda at the Land and Environment Committee meeting . Zabey Nevitt will discuss the permits at the earliest convenience and attempt to have them reviewed. The YGP is in the Dogrib's Management Zone. Their objective is to have co-management authority.
	Lutsel K'e	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	The Land and Environment Committee are meeting in Yellowknife this week. Monica Kreiger will try to arrange a meeting for a review of the research applications. The BHP Hearings are on July 7/8 and the Lutsel K'e will be unable to have a consultation meeting that week. Monica will look for an alternate date.
	Yellowknife	North Slave Metis	Janell Dautel	Left phone message .
June 18/04	Lutsel K'e	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Consultation mtg July 5 - 10:00 am with Land and Environment Committee.
June 22/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Consultation mtg - July 8.
June 24/04	Lutsel K'e	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Requested mtg in Lutsel K'e with transportation for four to five members to Yellowknife in the afternoon (Lutsel K'e will pay costs). Otherwise the members will be travelling on July 5 to attend the BHP Hearings and cannot host the mtg.
	Yellowknife	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Tyhee consultation letter faxed and mailed to Lutsel K'e.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Daniel Andre Rachel Crapeau	Hand delivered research permits and faxed to N'dilo and Dettah offices. Met with Rachel Crapeau, who will confirm mtg. date next week.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Janell Dautel	Hand delivered consultation letter and permits.
June 25/04	Yellowknife	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Without transportation to Yellowknife, the meeting cannot be held, as members will be travelling to Yellowknife that day. Confirmed I will speak to Ken Weagle about this and phone Monica Kreiger back with information.
June 29/04	Yellowknife	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Email to Monica Kreiger that Tyhee is unable to fly a charter flight to Lutsel K'e at this time, but will follow up at a future date. Request Monica Kreiger give me an alternative date that is more suitable for her members.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Confirm mtg. July 8 - 7:00 p.m. at Dettah with L & E Committee (6 people). Email consultation letter to Louis Azzolini, with a request as to where the meeting will be held.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Zabey Nevitt	Members are not able to attend July 6 mtg. Requested Zabey Nevitt ensure the Committee review the permits and follow up on action required, so the environmental baseline work can be initiated on July 15. The Committee doesn't meet until the middle of July, but Zabey Nevitt will speak to members. Followed up by email.
June 29/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Left message for Kris Johnson. Follow up by email.
Jul 2/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Will review permits and fax approval letter. Suggested alternative consultation meeting dates: July 8 - 12.

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July 5/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Consultation mtg - July 8 - 10:00 am - Reviewed permits and will forward copy
July 6/04	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Zabey Nevitt	Permits will be reviewed today, with a copy of the review forwarded to EBA.
	Yellowknife	Lutsel K'e	Monica Kreiger	Participating in the BHP hearings today, after which Monica Kreiger will review permits.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	The research permits will be reviewed at the consultation mtg - July 8 - 7:00 pm
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Permits to be reviewed today.
July 7/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Consultation meeting time changed to 1:30 pm
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Confirmed consultation meeting date: July 8.
July 8/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson Douglas North Robert Dowdall Fred Turner Dave Webb Roger Sylvestre Dave Nickerson Ken Weagle Elizabeth Lee	N. Slave Metis Alliance Consultation mtg: 2:00 p.m. at EBA Conference Room :
				Ken Weagle introduced Dave Webb, Roger Sylvestre and Dave Nickerson. Tyhee: Dave Webb completed an overview of the mine history, minerals present and their value, environmental baseline studies to be conducted, project timeline, startup date and the desire to have meaningful consultation with the N. Slave Metis.
				N Slave Metis: Concerns expressed over water quality, winter road access and use, economic benefit to people, cumulative impacts. Robert Dowdall gave an overview of the services presently provided to the mining industry in NWT by the N Slave Metis.
				Discussion: 1. N. Slave Metis requested a site tour in late Aug/Sept. 2. Metis involved in the environmental baseline work and environmental monitoring. 3. Tyhee to assist in providing employment opportunities to the local people. Tyhee noted their corporate policy is to hire locally. Kris Johnson will forward names to Elizabeth. Meeting ended at 3:30 p.m.

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July 8/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau Isadore Dettah Michel Paper Frank Paper Alfred Liske Leo Betsina Two other individuals Dave Webb Roger Sylvestre Dave Nickerson Ken Weagle Elizabeth Lee	Yellowknives Dene Consultation mtg - 7:00 p.m. at the Dettah Environment Office:
				Ken Weagle provided introductions of Tyhee executives and thanked the Yellowknives for coming to the meeting on the beautiful, summer's evening. Yellowknives: Rachel Crapeau spoke in the Dene language. Michel Paper opened the meeting in prayer. Tyhee: Dave Webb provided a project overview and the desire to consult with the Yellowknives in a meaningful manner. Yellowknives: Michel Paper described the history of mining in this area and its affect on the Yellowknives people. He expressed appreciation that Tyhee was coming to talk to the people.
				Concerns: Discovery Mine and the water quality of Giauque Lake. Tyhee: Dave Webb explained the mine will not be in the same area as Discovery Mine. The water quality in Giauque Lake has improved considerably, due to the recent testing conducted by EBA. Yellowknives: They are pleased to hear the mine will not be at the old Discovery Mine.
				Consultation Discussion: Rachel Crapeau: The mine perimeter is on the traditional territory of the Yellowknives, agreed upon through the Akaitcho-Tljcho Agreement, November 27, 2002. The Yellowknives are very upset that Tyhee is consulting with other aboriginal groups, who do not have authority in this area. "I will be speaking with the regulators about this concern." The mines can offer economic benefits to all people, but the people who need to be involved in the environmental baseline work are to be the Yellowknives. The Yellowknives wish to have ongoing consultation with Tyhee and will plan for a site tour in the middle of August. Dave Webb: Tyhee's preference is to consult with the Yellowknives, but the regulatory regime requires consultation with all aboriginal groups in the area.
				Site Tour: Tyhee is anticipating a site tour will be developed in the summer.
				Research Applications: Rachel Crapeau explained the research applications to the people. The support letter for the research permits will be forwarded to the Aurora Institute on Friday. Discussion: Participants would like to have access to the waste materials at the Tyhee mine site. Dave Webb will communicate with Rachel Crapeau on setting up a system for the Yellowknives to acquire the waste materials. Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.
July 9/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Left message for Noel Doctor at Rachel Crapeau's office regarding fisheries and archaeology work for Tyhee.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Met with Kris Johnson: Received names for baseline work and approval letter for research permits. Approval letter faxed to Aurora Institute.
July 20/04	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Zabey Nevitt	Requested if permits were signed off. Confirmed permits approval letters forwarded to the Aurora Institute.
Aug 11/04	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Contacted Joline Huskey at Dogrib Rae-Edzo office to set up a mtg to review consultation updates and confirm site tour date.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone message left for Rachel Crapeau on the review summary and to discuss a date for the site tour. Message not returned.
Aug 19/04	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Joline Huskey will meet with me to discuss the consultation summary and field work on August 25, in Rae at 1:00 p.m.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Phone message re meeting to review consultation summary.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone message left to review consultation summary.

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Aug 25/04	Rae-Edzo	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	<p>Meeting with Joline Huskey at the Dogrib Admin. office at Rae - 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 pm:</p> <p>Consultation Summary: Summary was reviewed. Joline Huskey will forward to the other committee members for comments.</p> <p>Site tour: Discussion on identifying a date for the site tour. Joline Huskey recommended that it should not coincide with the fall hunt. Joline Huskey will speak to the Land and Environment Committee about the tour and identify seven persons, to include elders to go on the tour.</p> <p>TUS Information: Joline suggested that I view the TUS maps at the Dogrib YK office, to acquire the Dogrib place names in the area.</p> <p>Review of 2004 field staff: EBA was very pleased with Darren Rabesca's performance in the archaeology phase of the project and will continue to use his expertise for future environmental baseline work.</p> <p>Joline gave an office tour, which encompassed the research that the Dogrib have compiled through the aid of elders.</p>
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Email from Kris Johnson: Review of consultation summary on Monday, Aug 29 - 11:00 am
Aug 30/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	<p>Meeting with Kris Johnson at the EBA office - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:</p> <p>Consultation Summary: Requested more detailed notes to be integrated within the summary. EBA will edit the summary and forward the revised consultation package to the aboriginal groups next week for review and comments.</p> <p>Site tour: Approximately September 30 - October 3. Kris Johnson will identify seven persons to attend the tour and contact me next week with the information.</p>
Aug 31/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone call - unable to contact Rachel Crapeau. Email requesting date confirmation for site tour.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Email requesting date for the site tour.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Email requesting date confirmation for site tour.
Sept 1/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Louis will follow up with Rachel Crapeau on site tour dates.
Sept 4/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Yellowknives are not available Sept 29-30. First week of October involved in a healing trip. Rachel Crapeau is managing the fall hunt. Louis Azzolini suggested it may be too cold to conduct the tour in the fall.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Fax and email a letter requesting if alternate community members could attend the site tour for the elders.
Sept 14/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone message left regarding site tour. Message not returned
Sept 21/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone message re site tour. Message not returned.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Will contact Rachel Crapeau re site tour.
	Rae-Edzo	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Will discuss the site tour at the Land and Environment Committee on Friday. No planned hunt to date.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Kris Johnson will speak to Land and Environment Board and identify participants for the site tour. Site tour date could be the middle of October.
Sept 29/04	Rae-Edzo	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Phone message on site tour.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Email received recommending site tour will not occur in all probability until the spring.

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Sept 30/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Email stating there not be a site tour until the spring.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Rachel Crapeau will be attending the Environment meeting in Yellowknife this week and will not be available.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Spoke with Rachel Crapeau at Environmental meeting. There will not be a fall site tour. Requested to contact her next week to discuss a consultation meeting.
	Rae-Edzo	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Email requesting site tour dates. Joline Huskey will speak with Eddie Erasmus, chair of the Committee to identify dates for a site tour date.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Followup email specifying the site tour dates are October 11 - 15, with the N Slave Metis tentatively booked for Oct. 11.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Phone call to request confirmation date for site tour.
Oct 4/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Consultation Discussion: Rachel Crapeau has too much to review right now and is not able to meet. Recommended I forward an activity summary, which she will review and forward comments.
				GeoScience Forum: Suggested meeting with the Tyhee executives in the week of November 16 -18. GeoScience Forum information forwarded to Rachel Crapeau.
				Site Tours: Rachel confirmed all site tours can only be completed in July and August, due to the age of the participants' age and health
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Eddie Erasmus	Recommended the site tour be held in Spring 2005. Eddie Erasmus will speak with Joline Huskey re meeting with Tyhee at the Lands Protection meeting. Discussed the GeoScience Forum and suggested this could be a time to meet. Information forwarded to Joline Huskey and Eddie Erasmus.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Discussion on the viability of conducting the site tour in October. Inclement weather may hinder visiting the site. Discussed the option of a consultation meeting in the week of the GeoScience Forum. The N. Slave are involved in the Forum. Kris Johnson will contact me next week on a suitable date.
Oct 14/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Delivered 2005 research permits and confirmed consultation mtg for Thursday, Nov. 18.
	N'dilo	Yellowknives	Admin. Office	Delivered 2005 research permit package and a request for consultation meeting.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Eddie Erasmus Violet Camsell Zabey Nevitt	Land and Environment staff are at the Yellowknife office. Research applications and request letter for a consultation meeting delivered to the Yellowknife office. Discussed Tyhee's request for a consultation mtg date with Eddie Erasmus, Zabey Nevitt and Violet Camsell. Eddie Erasmus will contact me on a suitable date the following week. Research permit package emailed to Eddie Erasmus.
Oct 15/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Chief Peter Liske Chief Darryl Beaulieu	2005 Research permits faxed and mailed to N'dilo and Dettah communities for review.
	Yellowknife	Lutsel K'e	Chief Archie Catholique	2005 Research permits faxed and mailed to Lutsel K'e community for review.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Violet Camsell	2005 Research permits faxed and mailed to Rae-Edzo community
Oct 25/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson	Received the letter of support from the N Slave Metis for 2005 Aurora and RWED Research permits.
Oct 26/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Email 2005 research package and request for consultation meeting date.
Oct 28/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Left phone message re consultation meeting. Message not returned.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Eddie Erasmus	Left phone message re consultation meeting. Message not returned.

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Oct 29/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Louise Beaulieu	Delivered 2005 research package and invitation for consultation meeting at the Band Administration office. Louise Azzolini unable to contact Rachel Crapeau. Messages were left for Rachel Crapeau to contact me regarding the consultation meeting.
Nov 2/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone message re consultation meeting. Message not returned.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Communication with Louis Azzolini on the discussion he had with Rachel Crapeau regarding Tyhee consultation: The Land and Environment Committee are satisfied with the consultation provided by Tyhee and do not feel the need to meet. At the second phase of development, the Committee would like to meet. It would be appreciated if Tyhee can provide a summary of the activities and environmental baseline work completed to date. Out of respect, it would be advisable if Tyhee could meet with Chiefs Darryl Beaulieu and Peter Liske to introduce themselves. It would give the chiefs an opportunity to discuss social issues of concern regarding mine development.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	The Dogrib do not feel it is necessary to meet with Tyhee, as the YGP is outside the Dogrib's traditional boundaries. An email requesting a note regarding this information was sent. Letter has not been received.
Nov 3/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Email sent to Rachel Crapeau regarding Tyhee discussing the completed fieldwork and the project activities with Chief Peter Liske and Chief Darryl Beaulieu.
Nov 5/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Jonah Sangris	Contacted N'dilo office and spoke with Acting Chief Jonah Sangris. He will make himself available for the meeting if Chief Beaulieu requests it. Research package was faxed to N'dilo office, Attn: Jonah Sangris.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Narcisse Sangris	Contacted Narcisse Sangris, admin. asst., for Chief Liske, who requested all consultation information and research package be faxed to Dettah. He will speak to Chief Liske when he returns on Nov. 15 or if he comes into the office. Chief Liske will be in a mtg. in Vancouver on Nov 18 - 19 and will only be available Nov. 17. Information package faxed to Dettah office, Attn: Narcisse Sangris.
Nov 10/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Received support document for 2005 fieldwork for Aurora College.
Nov 12/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Louise Beaulieu Michel Paper	Delivered consultation report to Louise Beaulieu. Narcisse Sangris, Chief Liske's asst. and Rachel Crapeau were not available. Spoke with Michel Paper about Tyhee's work and consultation. Michel mentioned the Land & Environment Committee had not met for several months, but he was interested in hearing about the project. Louise Beaulieu will speak to Chief Beaulieu regarding Tyhee's request to meet with him, when he returns to work next week.
	N'dilo	Yellowknives	Vanessa Sangris	Delivered consultation report to Vanessa Sangris. There is a funeral in the community, so the Chief will not be able to call me back until next week regarding meeting with Tyhee executive.
	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Georgina Frank	Delivered consultation report to Dogrib Yellowknife office.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Janell Dautel	Delivered consultation report and confirmed consultation meeting date.
	Dettah	Yellowknives	Unknown person	Delivered letter of support from Land and Environment Committee for 2005 research applications.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Phone message left on Yellowknives' letter of support. Requested if at all possible, she could meet with the Tyhee executive next week.
Nov 15/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Vanessa Sangris	Requested contact with Chief Darryl Beaulieu regarding consultation meeting.
	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Narcisse Sangris	Requested contact with Chief Peter Liske. There is a funeral today. The Chief will phone me as soon as possible.
Nov 16/04	Yellowknife	Lutsel K'e	Chief Archie Catholique	Forwarded consultation report.
	Yellowknife	Deninu K'ue	Chief Robert Sayine	Forwarded consultation report.

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Nov 17/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Garry Lafferty	Forwarded consultation meeting information to Garry Lafferty. Garry Lafferty contacted Chiefs and arranged for a meeting to be held on Nov. 18.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Janell Dautel	Requested consultation meeting location.
Nov. 18/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Vanessa Sangris	Confirmed meeting and location with Chief Liske and Chief Beaulieu for 3:00 p.m. at N'dilo, Nov. 18.
	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Kris Johnson Rashna Bunden Dave Webb Roger Sylvestre Ken Weagle Elizabeth Lee	<p>N. Slave Metis Consultation Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2004 - 1:30 p.m., at EBA office.</p> <p>Dave Webb gave an overview of the drilling progress to date: 10,000 m drilled, which reflected good assays. A tunnel was built 80 m below the surface, which intersected a gold-bearing zone. Due to the outcome, the camp, will expand from 6 - 7 trailers and fuel storage to double its size. The winter road will be used to haul equipment and supplies in late January, approximately 60 - 80 truckloads.</p> <p>Timeline: Permitting process to EIA - one year; camp construction late 2006 - 2007; pouring gold in late 2007. The resource has no significant arsenic in the rock or acid generating rock. Nicholas Lake has higher arsenic content. Tyhee will not be using the roasting process, which has caused the arsenic problem at CON and Giant Mines. Due to the assay results, the life of the mine may be increased from 7 - 10 years to 15 years.</p> <p>Presently, Tyhee is speaking with the airlines to arrange for daily flights to the mine, on rotational 10-hour shifts for staff to and from Yellowknife. If an agreement can be reached, this will minimize the camp size, which is more economical. It will also assist in recruiting staff to work on the mine on a daily basis, creating a better quality of life.</p> <p>Concerns: Employment: Rashna Bunden questioned if Tyhee would be making a concerted effort to hire local, aboriginal workers in the mine. Tyhee will be in Edmonton next week for an operations' meeting with mine contractors and will strongly recommend the contractors acquire aboriginal workers. In the early summer, 75% of the employees at Tyhee were aboriginal; presently it is at 50%. Tyhee is very supportive in hiring local people and its corporate policy is to purchase locally and hire locally. If the contractors are not recruiting adequate numbers, this is a management issue and will be addressed at the meeting. Kris Johnson suggested Tyhee forward a list of skills required for the mine workers. She will recruit staff who are able or identify what skills the personnel need. Dave Webb will followup with a letter to Kris on the required skills for the various mine positions.</p> <p>Winter Road: N Slave Metis would like to assist in monitoring of the road, similar to the monitoring completed by the Yellowknives at the end of the winter road. Caribou wastage, changing oil on the winter road, etc., are creating environmental impacts. Tyhee will be limiting the use of the winter road as much as possible, to control the truck traffic. All wildlife sightings are logged and reported.</p> <p>Site Tour: A site tour will be arranged in early summer, where the N Slave Metis can see the isolated impacts and the proposed mine footprint.</p> <p>Dave Webb and Roger Sylvestre expressed appreciation for meeting with Kris Johnson and Rashna Bunden. Meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.</p>

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Nov 18/04	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Chief Peter Liske Chief Darryl Beaulieu Dave Webb Roger Sylvestre Ken Weagle	Yellowknives Dettah and N'dilo Consultation Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2004 - 3:00 p.m., N'dilo Administration office.
				Dave Webb expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the Yellowknives chiefs. Tyhee has been in contact with Rachel Crapeau, Land and Environment Committee Manager. Tyhee felt it was time to meet the Yellowknives chiefs and provide an overview of the drilling progress and the 2004 environmental baseline field studies. The chiefs reiterated the need for Tyhee to continue to meet with the Land and Environment Committee on the YGP's activities. This committee is responsible for all landuse activities in the Yellowknives territories. The chiefs will review the progress report and have the Committee forward their comments to EBA. Chiefs Liske and Beaulieu reiterated the need for Tyhee to involve the Yellowknives in all aspects of the project, to ensure the consultation meets the regulatory requirements. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.
Nov 19/04	Yellowknife	Dogrib	Joline Huskey	Mailed three copies of Tyhee Consultation report.
Nov 29/04	Yellowknife	North Slave Metis Yellowknives	Kris Johnson Chief Peter Liske Chief Darryl Beaulieu	Summary of November 18 consultation meeting mailed to North Slave Metis and Yellowknives.
Dec 1/04	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis Yellowknives	Kris Johnson Chief Liske Chief Beaulieu	Thank you letter for their participation in the November 18, 2004 information sharing meeting.
Dec 17/04	Dettah	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Received letter of support for 2005 fieldwork.
Jan 5/05	Yellowknife	Yellowknives	Louis Azzolini	Email response to invitation as a participant in Sustainability in the NWT Conference meetings. EBA will not be able to participate in Jan 30, 2005 sustainability meeting but will be involved in workshops.
Jan 6/05	Dettah	Yellowknives	Rachel Crapeau	Received letter of support for RWED 2005 permit.
Jan 18/05	Yellowknife	CSO, INAC	Dave Webb Roger Sylvestre Peter Stokes Ken Weagle	YGP Progress update and discussion on airstrip, better coordination between Contaminated Sites office (CSO) and Tyhee
Jan 19/05	Yellowknife	Mineral Development Advisory Group INAC MVEIB RWED DOT WCB H & SS Environment Canada DFO	Dave Webb Roger Sylvestre Peter Stokes Ken Weagle	YGP Progress update and to ensure regulatory body is informed of YGP activities.
Feb 4/05	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Keith Hamilton	Follow up contact with new Ex. Director and gave overview of project. Keith Hamilton will to meet with Bill Threlkeld in Toronto February 15 if this can be arranged.
Feb 10/05	Yellowknife	N Slave Metis	Keith Hamilton	Email information package on Tyhee project and note that client will meet with Keith Hamilton in early March when they will be in Yellowknife.

DATE	LOCATION	M essage From	GROUP	REPRESENTATIVE	D ISCUSSION
11-Oct-07	Email	Hugh Wilson	YDFN, NSMA, NWTM	Rachel Crapeau, Phil Moonson, Sheryl Greive and Chis Heron	Email to request a meeting to discuss the Exploration Water License Renewal and an Up date on the Yellowknife Gold Project
11-Oct-07	Email	Hugh Wilson	NWT M	Chris Heron	Email saying Ken Weagle would contact him to arrange meeting
11-Oct-07	Email	Sheryl Grieve	NSMA	Hugh Wilson	Email providing possible dates for a meeting
12-Oct-07	email	Hugh Wilson	MVLWB and MVEIRB	Peter Lennie-Misgeld, Martin Haefele, Angela Plautz	Email to confirm a meeting on Nov 15 to discuss the Yellowknife Gold Project application and an update on the project.
11-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NSMA	Sheryl Greive	Email to request meeting
11-Oct-07	email	Sheryl Grieve	NSMA	Ken Weagle	Confirming date and time for Oct 30 at 5:00PM
11-Oct-07	Phone Call	Ken Weagle	NWT M	Chris Heron	Confirm meeting on October 29 or 30, 2007 in Fort Smith, NWT
11-Oct-07	Phone Call	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Requested meeting on the water license renewal and update on YGP. Asked to send an email on meeting.
11-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Requested meeting to discuss the water license renewal and an update on the YGP
16-Oct-07	Office Visit	ROGER SYLVISTER, HUGH WILSON, KEN WEAGLE	YDFN	Phil Moonson, Rachel Crapeau	Went to YDFN Land and Environment to have an ad hoc meeting with Phil Moonson. He was not in at time.

15-Oct-07	meeting	Hugh Wilson, Ken Weagle	MVLWB and MVEIRB	Peter Lennie-Misgeld, Martin Haefele, Angela Plautz	Provided update on the YGP to both board's staff. Discussed the process for moving the environmental assessment forward
17-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NWT M	Chris Heron	Requested a change in the meeting date from Oct 29/30 to the week of November 26
17-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NSMA	Sheryl Greive	Requested a change in the meeting date from Oct 29/30 to the week of November 27
17-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson, Rachel Crapeau, Steven Ellis	Requested a change in the meeting date from Oct 29/30 to the week of November 28
17-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	Akaticho Screening Board (ACB)	Steen Ellis	Asking direction on how to involve and inform the ASB in the Yellowknife Gold Project
19-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NWTMN	Chris Heron	Saying Nov 27 a good date for him
19-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NSMA	Sheryl Greive	Saying that Nov 26 was a good date from her
24-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NSMA	Sheryl Greive	Confirming the meeting on Nov 26
24-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NWTMN	Chris Heron	Confirming meeting on Nov 27
22-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	ASC	Steve Ellis	Asking Tyhee to keep him informed of our activities.
29-Oct-07	email	Ken Weagle	NWTMN	Chris Heron	Confirmed meeting on Nov 26 in Fort Smith

5-Nov	Phone call	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Called to get status of meeting request, not in and left message for him to call me.
7-Nov-07	Phone Call	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Called to get status of meeting request, he was in but would not take my call, left message for him to call me.
7-Nov-07	email	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Asked for update on status and said we would be in Yellowknife in late Nov.
8-Nov-07	Phone call	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	PMs called KVV on the meeting in November. KVV not in and he left a message. He was confused about the meeting on November 22 and the requested meeting on November 28.
9-Nov-07	Phone Call	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	KVV called PMs he was in a meeting. No message left
9-Nov-07	email	Ken Weagle	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Email to clarify the purpose of the meetings on Nov 22 and Nov 28, and ask for confirmation of meeting on November 28.
November 20, 2007	Personal discussion	Hugh Wilson	YDFN	Phil Moonson	Discussed meeting with him and others at the YKDFN, he mentioned we would be meeting with the Chiefs on the 22, 2007. I stated that Don Antoine cancelled that dinner meeting and would try and reschedule it. Mr. Moonson said he would get back to me that day, but never did.
November 21, 2007	Telephone call	To Hugh Wilson	YDFN	Don Antoine	Seeing what dates worked for us. I mentioned that Mr. Moonson was not aware of the change to the November 22, 2007 dinner meeting. Mr. Antoine said he would speak with Mr. Moonson.

November 21, 2007	Meeting	Hugh Wilson	YDFN	Phil Moonson	He said he would get back to me regarding the meeting, he never did.
26-Nov-07	Meeting		NSMA	See Notes	Meeting Notes Attached
27-Nov-07	Meeting		NWT MN	See notes	Meeting Notes Attached
December 3, 2007	Phone Call	Hugh Wilson to	YDFN	Don Antoine	Left voice message to confirm meeting with Chiefs on December 5, 2007. He did not return the call. However, we did meet with the Chiefs. See meeting notes.
5-Dec-07	Meeting		YDFN	See Notes	Meeting Notes Attached

Section 3 - Copies of emails

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2007 11:14 AM
To: Sheryl Grieve
Subject: Fw: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006
Importance: High

Sheryl:
Just touching base to see how our report is coming as per e-mail messages below.
Regards:
Hugh
780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----
From: "Hugh R. Wilson" <hugh@tyhee.com>
To: <lands@nsma.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2007 9:07 AM
Subject: Re: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006

Sheryl:
Thanks, look forward to it and hopefully you will not get run over by something.
All the best.
Hugh

----- Original Message -----
From: "Sheryl Grieve" <lands@nsma.net>
To: <hugh@tyhee.com>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 8:07 PM
Subject: RE: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006

I will definitely finish it this weekend! (knock on wood I don't get run over or something....)

Sheryl Grieve B.Sc.
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-----Original Message-----
From: hugh@tyhee.com [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 2:22 PM
To: lands@nsma.net
Subject: RE: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006

Sheryl:
Thnaks, end of next week (Feb 9) would be fine, Does this nwork for you?
Regards:
Hugh

Quoting Sheryl Grieve <lands@nsma.net>:

Good morning Hugh,

My apologies again.

It is just about done, but I had to put it aside again while I did an environmental assessment and urgent Caribou management meetings..... I took it with me to do in the evenings in Inuvik, but did not get the chance, and was simply too exhausted to do it on the weekend. I really appreciate your patience, so far.

Can you give me an idea of how urgently you need it (yesterday, today, this week, next Monday morning?), so I can decide how many things I'll have to bump down or off my priority list...? (I have six meetings this week, and only today in the office..... so things are pretty tight and hectic)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 2:46 PM
To: lands@nsma.net
Subject: Re: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30, 2006
Importance: High

Sheryl:

I hope all is well. Just following up on the e-mail you sent to me on January 3, 2007 and was wondering when the report will be provided for review. Can you provide an update so I can alert Ken Weagle.

Regards:
Hugh
780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Sheryl Grieve <mailto:lands@nsma.net>
To: 'Hugh R. Wilson' <mailto:hugh@tyhee.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 12:02 PM
Subject: RE: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30, 2006

Hi Hugh,

It is coming.... Hopefully tonight - or tomorrow night..... depending on the daytime interruptions...

Sheryl Grieve B.Sc.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2007 11:54 AM
To: lands@nsma.net
Cc: 'Carolyn Cornell'; 'Ken Weagle'
Subject: Re: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006
Importance: High

Sheryl:

Happy New Year. How is the report coming along? Let me know what the timing is, which I hope will be soon so we can finalize this component of the inputs into the YGPs' DAR.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Sheryl Grieve <mailto:lands@nsma.net>
To: 'Hugh R. Wilson' <mailto:hugh@tyhee.com>
Cc: 'Carolyn Cornell' <mailto:Carolyn@tyhee.com> ; 'Ken Weagle' <mailto:ken@ceinst.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 3:42 PM
Subject: RE: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006

Thanks!

And Merry Christmas to you too!

Sheryl Grieve B.Sc.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 3:39 PM
To: lands@nsma.net <mailto:lands@nsma.net>
Cc: Carolyn Cornell; 'Ken Weagle'
Subject: Re: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006
Importance: High

Sheryl:

Thanks, I was going to send you a note asking for the status and you beat me to it. Lets target the end of December with the idea of finalizing it in January 2007. I appreciate your efforts in completing the report BUT Take a few days to enjoy the holiday season and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Carolyn:
Please copy and place on YGP traditional land use file.

Regards:
Hugh
780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----
From: Sheryl Grieve <mailto:lands@nsma.net>
To: 'Hugh R. Wilson' <mailto:hugh@tyhee.com>
Cc: 'Ken Weagle' <mailto:ken@ceinst.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2006 2:58 PM
Subject: RE: Tradtional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006

Hugh,

You may have noticed you did not get the report yet....

After Valerie left, on short notice I got even more swamped than usual...
I am now aiming for end of December..... optimistically.....

I hope this is not going to inconvenience you?

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 6:02 PM
To: lands@nsma.net
Cc: Ken Weagle
Subject: Re: Tradtional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006
Importance: High

Sheryl:
Thanks for the note, I am away or at the geoscience as well for most of The month so I will look forward to getting the next version of the TLU Report end of November.

Regards and safe travels.

Hugh
780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----
From: Sheryl Grieve <mailto:lands@nsma.net>
To: 'Hugh R. Wilson' <mailto:hugh@tyhee.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 04, 2006 4:20 PM
Subject: RE: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006

Hugh,

I am running a bit (Ha!) behind, and am not done the report.

I have to be out of town for the next three weeks and will have a lot Of trouble completing it.

Would the end of the month be OK?

Sheryl Grieve B.Sc.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2006 10:00 AM
To: lands@nsma.net
Cc: Ken Weagle
Subject: Re: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30,2006
Importance: High

Sheryl:

Re.: North Slave Métis Alliance Traditional Use Report

Thanks for your "DRAFT" report received on October 18, 2006. Both Ken Weagle (our independent consultant) and I have now read your draft and Have the following comments:

1. The attached map provides a significant amount of useful information for the purposes of the Developers Assessment Report.
2. The background information in the draft is useful in quantifying the historic Métis use of the area in general.
3. As you pointed out the latter part of the document requires attention and we would like to see a "Final Draft" once you have done this.
4. Our suggestion would be to make a section of the report described at Data collected at the meeting of Sept 20, 2006. Make several categories in this section such as:
 - a. Trapping
 - b. Hunting
 - c. Travel Routes
 - d. Fishing
 - e. Other activities
5. Under the above headings put the applicable observations made at the meeting and then reference the map you have already prepared for the report.
6. I assume that the travel routes shown on the map are those that

the
NSMA had already collected in their interviews and they should be
labelled
as such.

When these changes have been made and a literature cited section has been prepared we can take another look at a what might be considered a "final draft" of the report.

We appreciate your efforts to have the report completed on time and in helping to organize this data collection. We also appreciate the contributions made by the elders at the meeting.

If you have any questions about our response please contact Ken Weagle (our independent consultant) at (403) 932-5632 or myself at 780-975-2550.

Regards:
Hugh

----- Original Message -----

From: Sheryl Grieve <<mailto:lands@nsma.net>>
To: 'Hugh R. Wilson' <<mailto:hugh@tyhee.com>> ; 'Claudia Haas' <<mailto:claudia@nsma.net>> ; roger@tyhee.com <mailto:roger@tyhee.com>
Cc: 'Ken Weagle' <<mailto:ken@ceinst.org>>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 7:11 AM
Subject: RE: Traditional Land Use meetings - September 30, 2006

Hello Hugh, et al,

My sincere apologies for being late - I know I made a commitment to have this draft done on the 15th....

Anyways, attached here is a very rough and confidential draft which Combines what I remember of the meeting with my handwritten notes, the map, a review of the relevant portions of the video, and some of the research I had done for the my historic presentation.

The final copy will be edited for grammar and format, of course, and Will look a lot better, with help from all the suggestions I receive.

I am attaching a draft map as well, although I have not gone through The "Can't Live" document yet, to incorporate the rest of that previous research.

Please provide me with your comments, on any topic, but especially anything that you do not want associated with your name, or any private comments you want removed entirely.

It is going to be a huge challenge for me to complete this for October 31, as promised, so if there is any wiggle room that you can give me please let me know ASAP so I can take some time to sleep.

Claudia, I will ask you to work with Val to print off copies for those people who want a paper copy.

For sure the people that are not getting an email copy will need paper. George, Ron, Ed, Wayne, and Nora.

I have emailed this to Grant, Adrian, and Marc, but they may still want paper copies.

I have an appointment this morning, and will be around after lunch - if I don't fall asleep.

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From: Phil Moon Son
To: Hugh R. Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 10:49 AM
Subject: RE: Your call re: Meeting - Sent Again - UPDATED

As per our conversation, Mar 21 2007 at our office has been scheduled at 1 pm

Phil Moon Son

5103 51st Ave, Roman Empire Building, 1st floor

-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 8:59 AM
To: Phil Moon Son
Subject: Re: Your call re: Meeting - Sent Again - UPDATED
Importance: High

Phil:

Thanks, I'm standing by to hear from you later today.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Moon Son
To: Hugh R. Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 8:45 AM
Subject: RE: Your call re: Meeting - Sent Again - UPDATED

Sorry I did not get back to you, the staff are all gone on meetings, hard to get a hold of them, I will get back to you this afternoon, with the date, the 21 seems to work but let me confirm.

Phil Moon Son

-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 8:05 AM
To: Phil Moonson
Subject: Fw: Your call re: Meeting - Sent Again - UPDATED
Importance: High

Phil:

Just to let you know, my consultant informed me late yesterday that the 19th is not good for him as he is unexpectedly committed to another client that day, SO, it looks like the 20th and 21st are best for us. As I have yet to hear from you, I assume you are having difficulties at your end as well. Please let me know ASAP so we can book flights etc.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Hugh R. Wilson
To: Phil Moonson

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 3:27 PM
Subject: Fw: Your call re: Meeting - Sent Again

Phil:

I'm sending the message below again to ensure you got it, a reply today as to your availability next week is requested as it enables us to book somewhat reasonable airfares. I hope to hear from you soon.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Hugh R. Wilson

To: Phil Moon Son

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 10:26 AM

Subject: Re: Your call re: Meeting

Phil:

We had originally thought the 14 or 15th would work, however, at this date and as you indicated in your voice message that next week might work as well, and we had previously agreed that this might work as well.

I think a half day meeting might be sufficient to discuss our current plans. With this in mind, then I suggest that we meet on March 19th PM or if a longer meeting is expected then on the 20th or 21st March.

Please let me know by the end of today so we can book the best flights etc.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Moon Son

To: Hugh R. Wilson

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 10:11 AM

Subject: RE: Your call re: Meeting

Mr. Wilson could you email me 2 or 3 possible days we can meet that is good for your schedule

Phil

-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh R. Wilson [mailto:hugh@tyhee.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2007 10:05 AM

To: moonson@ykdene.com

Subject: Your call re: Meeting

Importance: High

Phil:

Sorry I missed your call, I was on the other line at the time. I called you back and left a message. Please call me to finalize a meeting time.

I await to hear from you.

Regards:

Hugh

From: Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 3:02 PM
To: Sheryl Grieve
Cc: Ken Weagle
Subject: Fw: TLU and Hello - UPDATED

Importance: High

Sheryl:

I left a voice message for you earlier this afternoon in which I suggest meeting at the Explorer Hotel at about 4:30 on the 20th March.

I hope this works for you.

Let me know as soon as possible.

Regards:

Hugh

----- Original Message -----

From: Hugh R. Wilson
To: Sheryl Grieve
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 11:14 AM
Subject: TLU and Hello

Sheryl:

I hope all is well, I am planning on being in YK on March 21 for meetings, and if you are available on the 20th, I would travel to YK that day and meet with you on the TLU study as well as update you on the YGP and discuss our planned exploration program outside the YGP area and the LUP applications we plan on submitting shortly. Are you available on the 20th? I left a voice mail for you as well, so hopefully I will hear from you soon so I can make the appropriate travel arrangements.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

From : Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 9:13 AM
To: Phil Moon Son
Cc: Ken Weagle
Subject: Re: MOU

Importance: High

Phil:

Thanks, hopefully we'll get something from you on the MOU early next week.

BTW, did you get the Archaeology report I sent yesterday?

Regards:

Hugh

----- Original Message -----

From: [Phil Moon Son](#)

To: [Hugh R. Wilson](#)

Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 9:05 AM

Subject: RE: MOU

Mr Wilson,

As per our discussions

Unfortunately, our office will not be able to forward you any correspondence until next week.

Phil Moon Son

From: Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 10:10 AM
To: Phil Moon Son
Subject: Re: Followup

Importance: High

Phil:

Thanks for the note, can you provide the timing of your meeting with the Chief and Council and if their decision is positive and advises you and Rachel to notify the MVLWB that they can proceed with issuing the permit, what is the expected timing?

Related to the MOU, we have assumed that the current position will apply to the two new applications we discussed (Clan Lake and Goodwin Lake) and as suggested by Rachel at the meeting on March 21, 2007, we have filed those with the Board on March 27, 2007 .

On another note, during our discussions on March 21, 2007, we agreed to provide a copy of our Archaeology Report for 2005, which, as mentioned at the meeting, included the winter road route from Nicholas /YGP to Prosperous Lake and encompassed the area around Clan and Goodwin Lakes that we have filed LUP applications with the MVLWB as mentioned above. Our commitment to provide this report was met on March 22, 2007 and I would appreciate receiving confirmation of receipt from you , Jeanne and Rachel.

I await to hear from you. Please provide any response directly to me and I will forward to others within Tyhee.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

----- Original Message -----

From: Phil Moon Son
To: Hugh R. Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 9:04 AM
Subject: RE: Followup

Further to our conversation last week I would like to take the opportunity to clarify a few matters of significant importance. While we appreciate the opportunity of being able to meet and communicate with Tyhee regarding its proposed project the decision making authority for its acceptability resides with Chief and Council. To that end Rachel Ann and I will be making a presentation to the Chiefs and Council seeking their formal direction on the proposed project. With respect to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), please be advised that our office will not be forwarding this document at this time with Tyhee. While there have been some internal discussions regarding its use, Tyhee should be aware that there are no formal initiatives to apply it to the subject development proposal.

Phil Moon Son
YKDFN

From : Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 11:17 AM
To: Chris Heron; Phil Moon Son; Rachel Crapeau; Sheryl Grieve
Cc: 'Peter Lennie-Misgeld'; Ken Weagle
Subject: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Importance: High
Sheryl, Rachel, Phil and Chris:

I hope this finds you all well. Tyhee's current water licence for "Advanced Exploration" purposes at our Yellowknife Gold Project (water licence # MV2002L2-0017) expires on October 30, 2008 and we will be submitting our application for renewal shortly. Prior to submitting our renewal application to the MVLWB, we would like to meet with you to discuss the renewal of our current water licence.

Tyhee's independent consultant, Mr. Ken Weagle will be contacting you to set up a meeting time that is agreeable to both parties.

I would appreciate an early response to this message that provides your groups primary contact person and your phone contact details so Mr. Weagle can initiate the planning of these meetings.

I have copied Mr. Weagle and the MVLWB staff so they are aware of my request.

I hope to hear from you soon.
Regards:
Hugh
780-975-2550 (cell)

From : Sheryl Grieve [lands@nsma.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 4:48 PM
To: ken@ceinst.org
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: Re: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal
How about Tuesday, October 30, from 5:30-9pm?

Many of the Environment Committee have day jobs, and it costs them a lot more to take time off during the day.....

Are you willing to spring for supper?

We could order pizza, or get someone to make stew and bannock for 15-20 people, at about \$10 per person.

The NSMA board room may be available, if you want me to check.

Sheryl Grieve
Environment Manager
North Slave Metis Alliance
Box 2301 Yellowknife. X1A 2P7
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From: Sheryl Grieve [lands@nsma.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 4:29 PM
To: Hugh R. Wilson; Chris Heron; Phil Moon Son; Rachel Crapeau
Cc: 'Peter Lennie-Misgeld'; Ken Weagle
Subject: Re: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Hi Hugh,

I am still the primary contact person for NSMA for environment and resource related issues.

Copies to the other environment staff are appreciated, as long as primary contact is the lands@nsma.net address.

E-mail is still my preferred method of correspondence, so I can access my calendar and add appointments as they are made, even though I am out of the office.

I can't check my phone messages when out of the office, and don't answer my cell when in meetings.

You could leave a voice or text message on my cell, which I normally check a few times a day. (867) 445-6658

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lands@nsma.net

From: Sheryl Grieve [lands@nsma.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 4:48 PM
To: ken@ceinst.org
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: Re: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

How about Tuesday, October 30, from 5:30-9pm?

Many of the Environment Committee have day jobs, and it costs them a lot more to take time off during the day.....

Are you willing to spring for supper?
We could order pizza, or get someone to make stew and bannock for 15-20 people, at about \$10 per person.

The NSMA board room may be available, if you want me to check.

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From: Ken Weagle [ken@ceinst.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 1:54 PM
To: 'Sheryl Grieve'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: RE: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Dear Sheryl

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Ken Weagle

Consult to Tyhee

From: Ken Weagle [ken@ceinst.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 1:47 PM
To: 'Phil Moon Son'; 'Rachel Crapeau'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: [SPAM] Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

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From: Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 1:12 PM
To: Chris Heron
Cc: Ken Weagle
Subject: Re: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Chris:

Thanks for the call, I'm sure Mr. Weagle will be contacting you in due course. I look forward to seeing you again and having a look around Smith after all these years.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

From: Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 1:36 PM
To: Peter Lennie-Misgeld; 'Martin Haefele'
Cc: 'Angela Plautz'
Subject: Re: Tyhee Yellowknife Gold Project - EA

Peter:

Meeting in your office is great, thanks for the offer.

I will have one consultant with me and possibly one other Tyhee executive. See you all then. It will be a verbal presentation only at this stage.

I appreciate your help on this matter.

Regards:

Hugh

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From: Ken Weagle [ken@ceinst.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 10:25 AM
To: 'Phil Moon Son'; 'Rachel Crapeau'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'; 'scellis@eastarm.com'
Subject: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Dear Phil and Rachel

As you are aware Tyhee NWT Corp would like the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss the renewal water license application for the exploration program at Yellowknife Gold Project. At the same time we would like to present a detailed update for the Yellowknife Gold Project.

We would appreciate a meeting date sometime during the week of November 26 as apposed to the dates below.

Could you please provide us with a suitable date during that week of November 26, 2007 so we can arrange for the meeting.

We look forward to your reply.

Cheers

Ken Weagle

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To: 'Sheryl Grieve'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: RE: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Dear Sheryl

Sorry we missed you when in Yellowknife earlier this week. WE did see you driving to a meeting!!!

WE will have to change the date of our meeting on October 30. The timing just won't work in light of some new developments.

We would like to rebook the meeting for November 26 or if possible with you November 27.

As we have said before the meeting will be a discussion of the renewal of the Existing Exploration Water license for the Tyhee project and an Update on the Status of the Yellowknife Gold Project.

We look forward to confirming this meeting.

Cheers

Ken weagle

From: Sheryl Grieve [mailto:lands@nsma.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 4:29 PM
To: Hugh R. Wilson; Chris Heron; Phil Moon Son; Rachel Crapeau
Cc: 'Peter Lennie-Misgeld'; Ken Weagle
Subject: Re: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Hi Hugh,

I am still the primary contact person for NSMA for environment and resource related issues.

Copies to the other environment staff are appreciated, as long as primary contact is the lands@nsma.net address.

E-mail is still my preferred method of correspondence, so I can access my calendar and add appointments as they are made, even though I am out of the office.

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From: Chris Heron [rcc.nwtmn@northwestel.net]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 9:12 AM
To: ken@ceinst.org
Subject: RE: Meeting of October 29, 30 with Tyhee NWT

Ken:

The 27th is Ok, set up the meeting. Who would you like to attend, where would you want to meet, and for how long?

Marci cho,

Chris Heron
Environment Manager
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Box 720
Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0
Phone: 867-872-2770 ext. 32
Fax: 867-872-3586
E-mail: rcc.nwtmn@northwestel.net

From: Sheryl Grieve [lands@nsma.net]
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2007 11:45 AM
To: ken@ceinst.org
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: RE: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Hi Ken,

I have penciled you in for November 26th. I will be flying to Inuvik the next day sometime, so we should not leave it till then.

Do you have a preferred time?

Our office OK?

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Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 10:44 AM
To: 'Chris Heron'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'
Subject: RE: Meeting of October 29, 30 with Tyhee NWT

Dear Chris

We would like to schedule a meeting with you on November 27th. Hugh Wilson and I will be arriving from Yellowknife that morning at about 9:40AM so we could book it for 10:30. If we could have the meeting at your offices it would be great, please confirm this. Hugh and I will be returning to Yellowknife on the afternoon flight (4:30 PM).

As to the attendees from your end. This will be a general introduction for the NWT Metis Nation to Tyhee NWT Corp and the Yellowknife Gold Project (as it is our first meeting). In addition we will be outlining the exploration water license renewal for the project (this license has been in place for the exploration activities to date especially the underground operation) and we will be giving an update on the development application for the project. You may want some of the local elders and possibly an executive member to site in on the meeting. We will leave that up to you. Please let us know how many people to expect.

I look forward to meeting you on November 27.

Cheers

Ken Weagle

From: Don Antoine
To: hugh@tyhee.com ; 'Darrell Beaulieu' ; 'Bertha MacKenzie'
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2007 4:15 PM
Subject: Novembwer 22, 2007 Tyhee Supper Meeting

Hi Hugh,

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Best Regards,

Don Antoine

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From : Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2007 9:14 AM
To: Don Antoine
Cc: 'Darrell Beaulieu'; 'Bertha MacKenzie'
Subject: Re: Novembwer 22, 2007 Tyhee Supper Meeting

Importance: High

Don:

Thanks for the call earlier and this e-mail.

It would be great if you can provide the names as soon as possible. By copy of this e-mail, I'm hoping that Bertha can provide confirmation with names to us as soon as possible. I'm sure you agree that it would work best if both Chiefs were in attendance. Darrell's attendance is also important and I'm asking if he can confirm as well.

FYI I will be out of the country the 6-14 and confirmation would be appreciated as soon as possible so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Regards:

Hugh

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From: Ken Weagle [mailto:ken@ceinst.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2007 9:21 AM
To: 'Phil Moon Son'; 'Rachel Crapeau'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'; 'scellis@eastarm.com'
Subject: RE: Tyhee - Yellowknife Gold Project- water licence renewal

Dear Mr. Moon Son and Ms. Crapeau

We are putting together our schedule for meetings and have not heard as yet about a meeting with you concerning an update on the Yellowknife Gold Project. I have left several messages but as yet have not heard from you.

Could you please confirm that you can meet with us on Nov 27, 2007 which is the window of opportunity on our next trip to Yellowknife? We will hold that day open for the meeting and look forward to hearing from you so we can confirm our flights, etc.

Yours truly,
Ken Weagle, Consultant to
Tyhee NWT Corp.

From : Ken W eagle [ken@ceinst.org]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2007 9:27 AM
To: 'Phil Moonson'
Cc: 'Hugh R. Wilson'; 'Hugh Wilson'
Subject: Meeting with Tyhee NW T Corp

Dear Phil

Thank you for returning my call and I am sorry I missed it.

It is my understanding that the meeting with Tyhee on November 22 and the two YDFN chiefs was not a formal briefing on the project but more a social evening with dinner. Hugh Wilson, VP of Environment and Community Relations for Tyhee and I were hoping to have a more formal meeting with you and your staff to have a formal briefing on the applications of the renewal of the present Yellowknife Gold Project water licence and an update on the status of the project.

The date we now have available for this meeting is November 28. We look forward to hearing from you as to whether this is a good date.

Unfortunately I am leaving on Sunday for Spain and will not be returning until November 24. I will be in email contact and please confirm the meeting on November 28 by email. Hugh Wilson will also be monitoring the email for confirmation. Please remember we have left this day open for the meeting with the YDFN.

Looking forward to your reply

Ken W eagle, Consultant to
Tyhee NW T Corp

From : Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]

Sent: Friday, November 16, 2007 10:55 AM

To: Don Antoine

Cc: Rachel Crapeau

Subject: Dinner with Chiefs

Don:

Thanks for taking my call this morning. Please confirm that the dinner meeting originally scheduled with the Chiefs on November 22, 2007 has to be rescheduled due to travel requirements of both Chiefs.

Also, you were going to ask Rachel to confirm with us that she and Phil Moon Son can meet with us on November 28, 2007 for a project update related to our activities north of Yellowknife. Our consultant, Mr. Ken Weagle has been in contact with both related to this meeting with no confirmation to date and your assistance to expedite this meeting is appreciated.

Regards and I await to hear from you.

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

From: <don.antoine@ykdene.com>
To: <hugh@tyhee.com>
Cc: <bertham@ykdene.com>; <esangris@ykdene.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2007 6:03 PM

Hi Hugh,

After meeting with the Chiefs and the new CEO they have agreed to meet with you on the 5th of December for lunch in Yellowknife. The people that they have chosen for the were Chief Edward Sangris. Chief Fred Sangris, John Carter (CEO), Roy Erasmus Jr (CEO for Deton Cho Corporaton), Phil Moon Son (Lands Director), Vince Halushka (Deton Cho Project Manager).

We look forward to hearing from on the matter.

Thankd you and Best Regards,

Don Antoine
Executive Assistant
Yellowknives Dene First Nation

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From : Hugh R. Wilson [hugh@tyhee.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2007 10:22 AM
To: Don Antoine
Cc: bertham@ykdene.com; esangris@ykdene.com
Subject: Lunch with the Chiefs

Importance: High

Don:

As we discussed yesterday on the phone, this will confirm that we will be meeting for lunch on December 5, 2007 with Chief Edward Sangris. Chief Fred Sangris, John Carter (CEO), Roy Erasmus Jr (CEO for Deton Cho Corporaton), Phil Moon Son (Lands Director), Vince Halushka (Deton Cho Project Manager) as per your e-mail dated November 27, 2007.

For your groups information, we have booked the small dining room off the Traders Dining room at the Explorer Hotel for 11:30 - 13:30 on December 5, 2007. Tyhee will have two or three attendees.

We look forward to meeting with your group and updating everyone on Tyhee's activities. Please confirm receipt of this message.

Regards:

Hugh

780-975-2550 (cell)

Section 4 – Presentations

YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

Presentation to
North Slave Métis Alliance
Traditional Land Use Workshop

September 30, 2006

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YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT- OVERVIEW

Who is Tyhee Development Corp?

- Gold Exploration and Development Company
- Large Measured and Indicated Resource, 1.8 million ounces of gold
- Developing in a gold camp with >14 million ounces of past production
- In Canada, 100% owned.
- Advance toward Production



YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT- OVERVIEW

Who is Tyhee NWT Corp?

- Tyhee NWT Corp is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tyhee Development Corp
- Tyhee NWT Corp will be the operator of the Yellowknife Gold Project



YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT- OVERVIEW

Project Development Management Team

- Dave Webb, President and CEO
- Roger Sylvestre, Executive Vice President
- Lorne Anderson, Chief Financial Officer
- Doug Levesque, Vice President-Operations
- Hugh R. Wilson, Vice President-Environment and Community Affairs
- Val Pratico, Chief Geologist



YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT- OVERVIEW

Property History (Discovery Mine – Present)

- **1949-1969**; Produced 1 million ounces of gold from 1 million tons of ore.
- **1995**; Discovery of new form of gold mineralization
- **Jan 2001**; Purchase Discovery Mine Property (100%)
- **Jan 2001**; Purchase Nicholas Lake Mine Property (100%)
- **2002**; Confirm Resource, Initial Economic Evaluation
- **2003**; Expand Resource, Complete Scoping Study
- **2004**; Expand Resource, Initiate Prefeasibility Study
- **2005**; Continue Exploration, Permit application submitted in March to initiate project review

YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT- OVERVIEW

PROPERTY HISTORY (DISCOVERY MINE CIRCA 1952)



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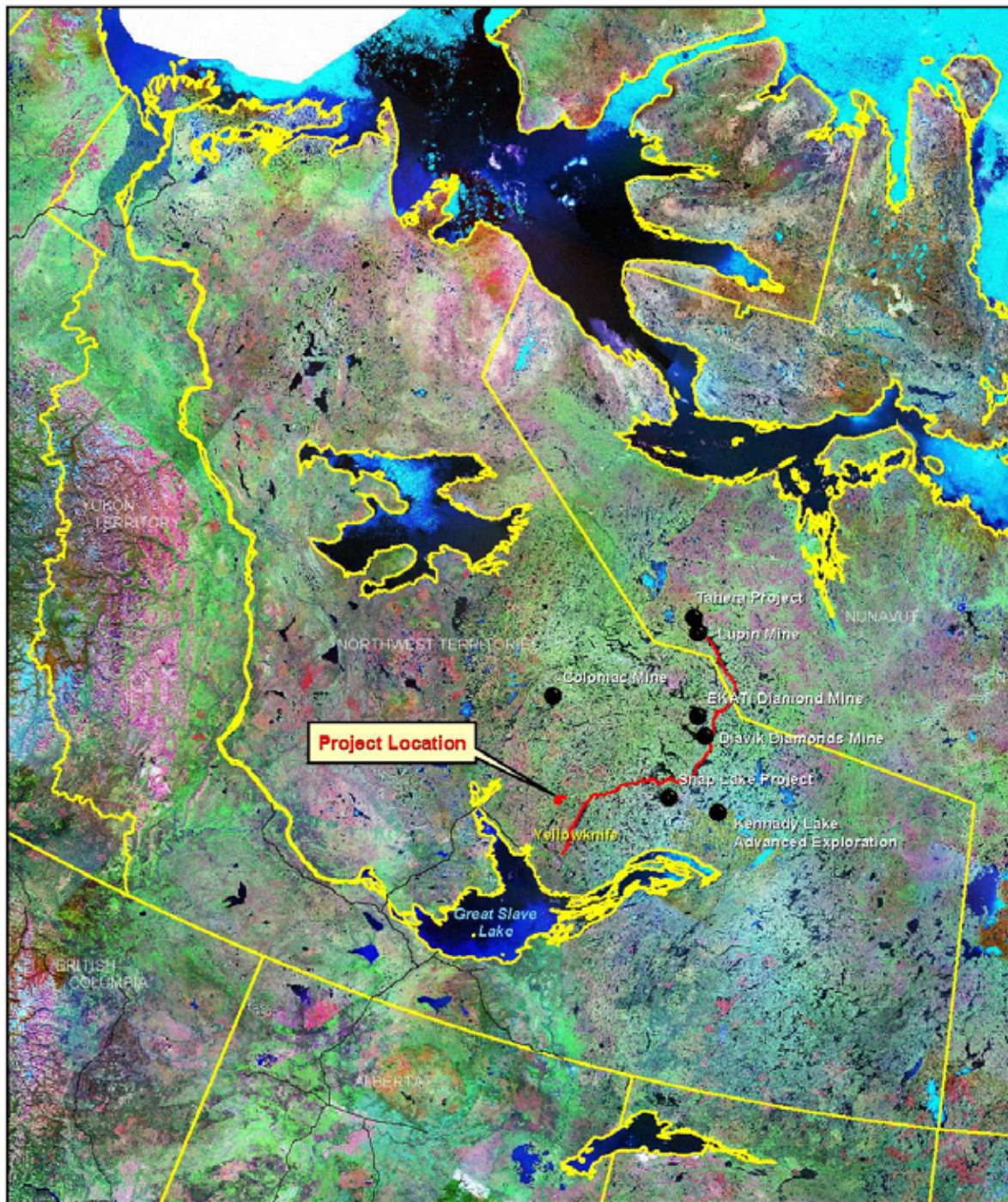
Key Project Components

- Camp for ~135 persons (total workforce ~240) working 2-week in, 2 week off rotation
- Fuel Storage for ~12 million liters
- Open Pit Mining and Processing at rate of ~ 1500 tpd
- Tailings Containment Area – proposed as Winter Lake (releases from lake to meet MMER)
- Waste Rock Storage area
- Use of existing airstrip including current overland access (alternative- to build new airstrip on esker ~ 3 kms away)

YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT- OVERVIEW

Key Project Components (continued)

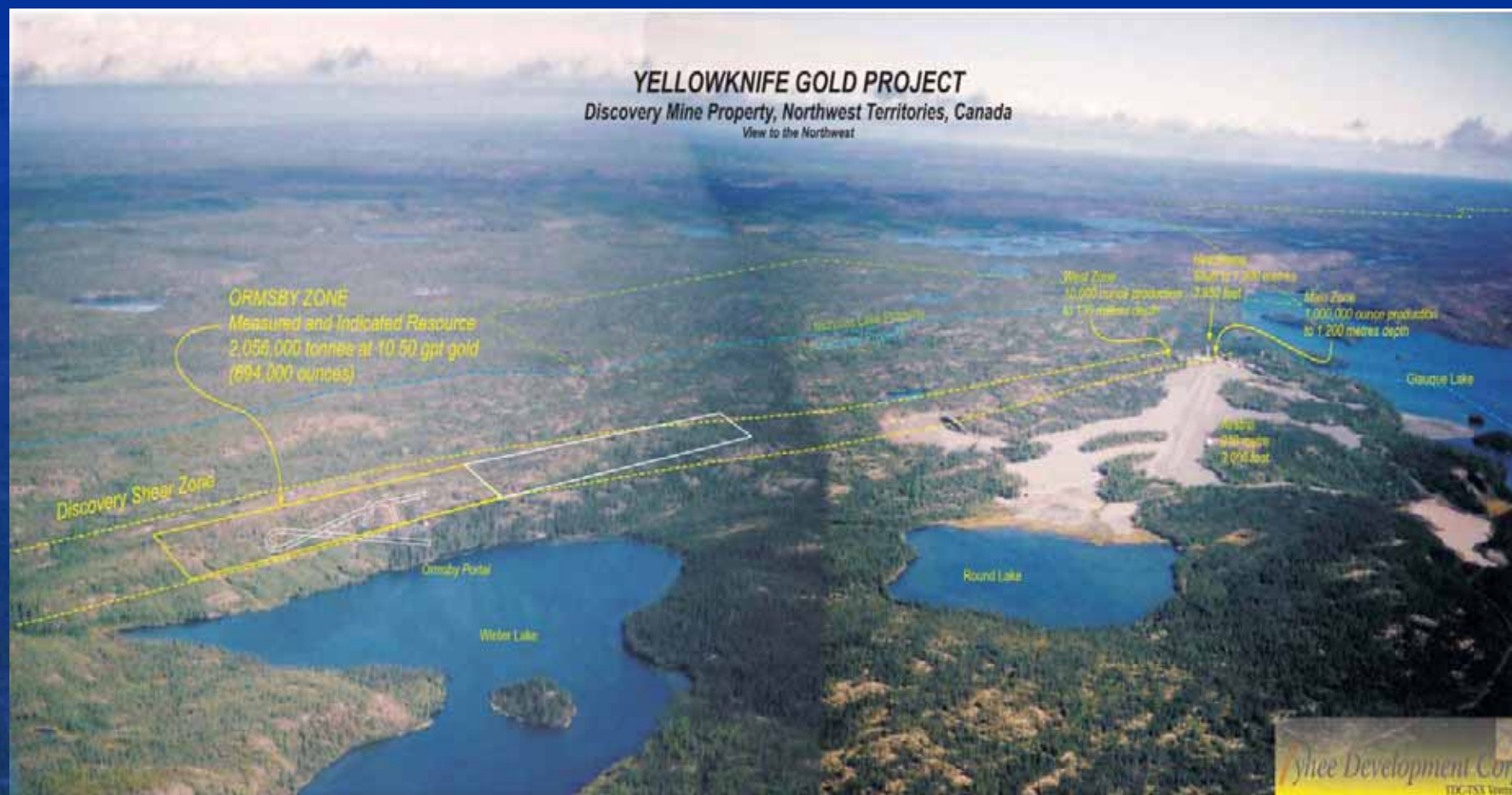
- Winter access to site via existing winter road (Prosperous Lake to Discovery)
- Explosives storage area- per NRCan criteria



Yellowknife Gold Project Location Map

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Exploration Camp (photo by INAC)

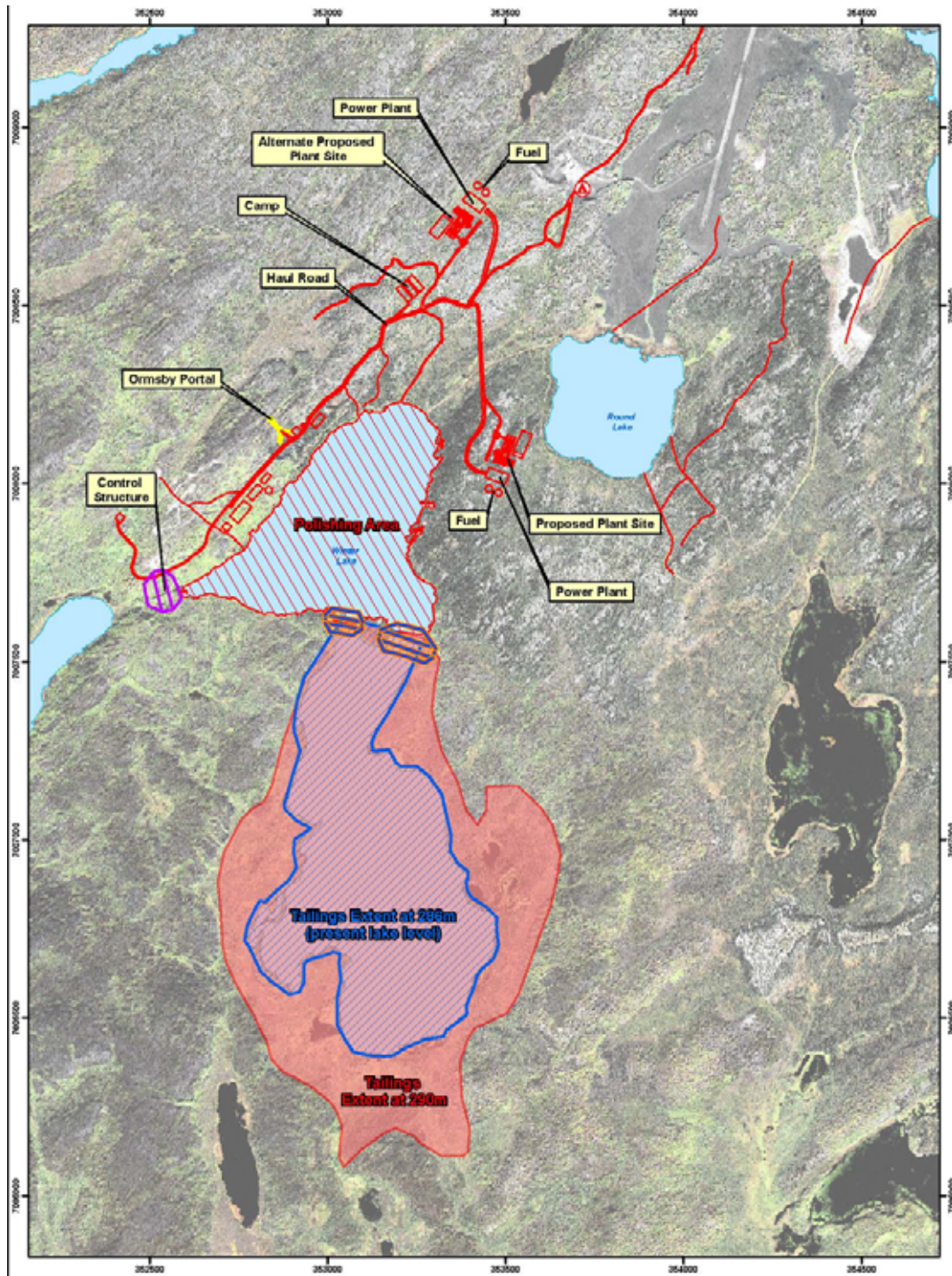


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Exploration Decline (photo by INAC)

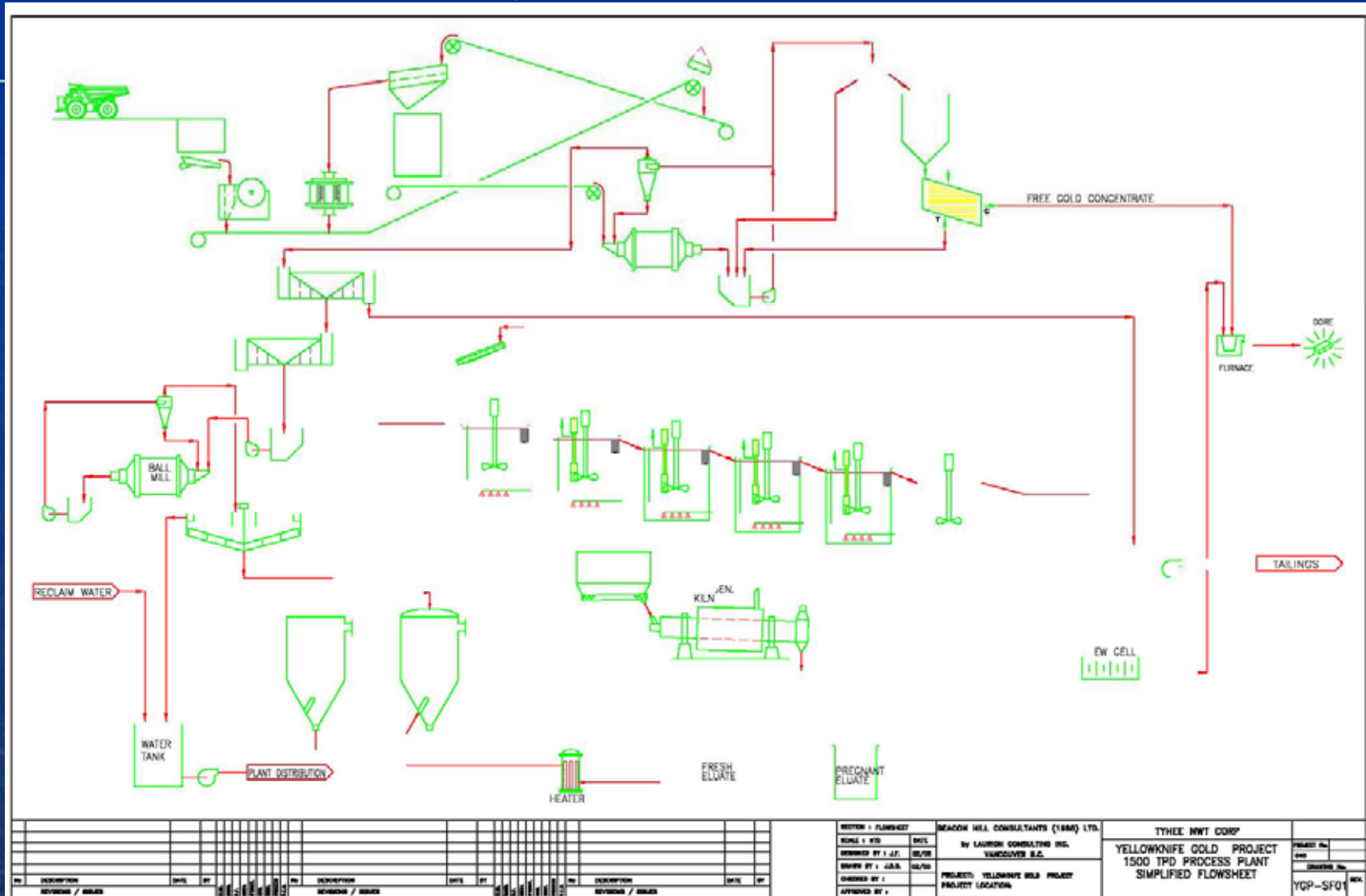


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Yellowknife Gold Project Preliminary Site Plan

Yellowknife Gold Project – Simplified Process Flow Sheet



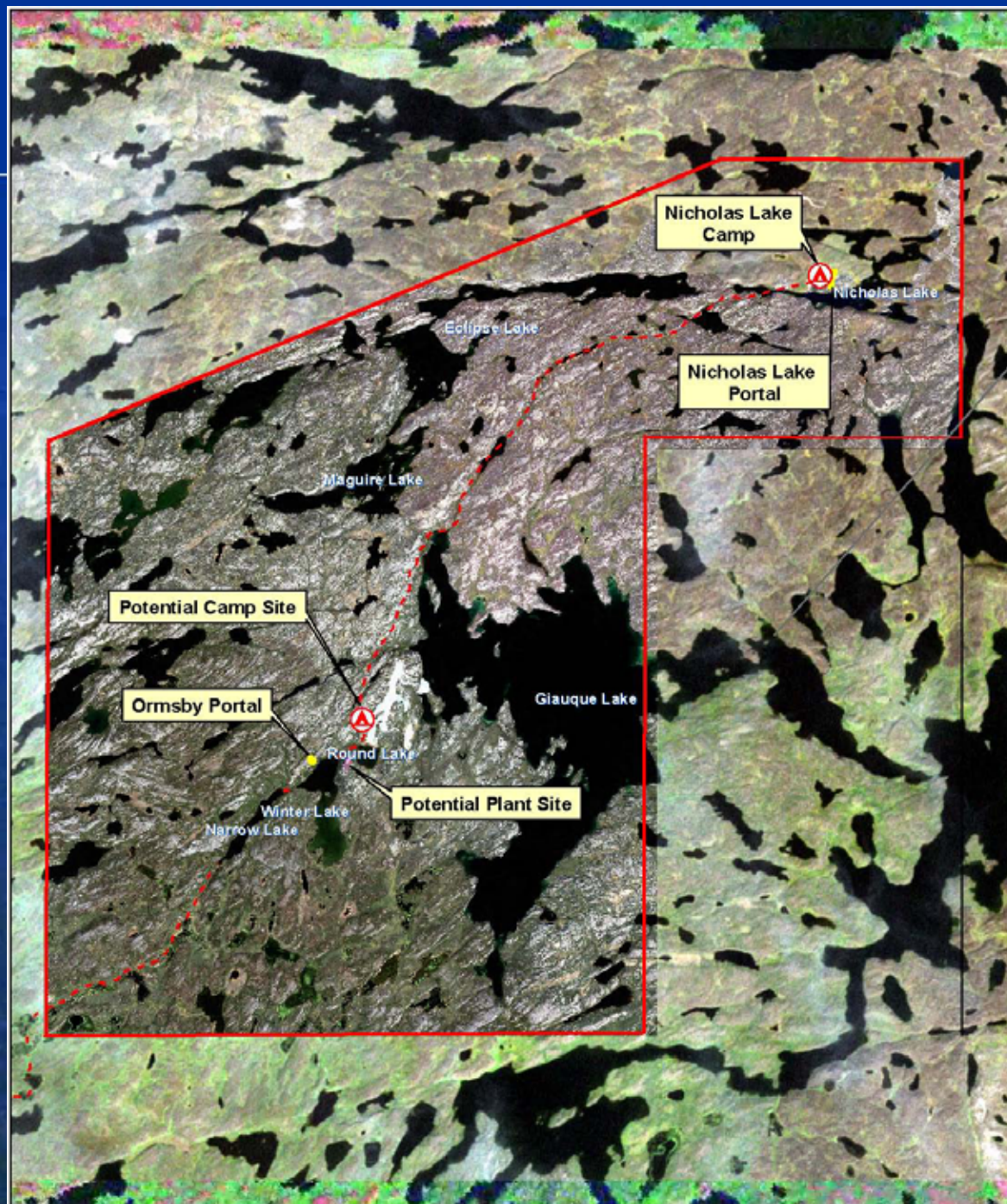
ARCHAEOLOGICAL/CULTURAL/HERITAGE ISSUES

- Documented records suggest the YGP area was not heavily used by FN prior to Euro-Canadian contact
- No archaeological sites found within Project Footprint area in 2004
- Historical mining remains scattered across much of the study area
- Three prehistoric sites recorded 3-5 km north of the Nicholas Lake Camp in 1989.

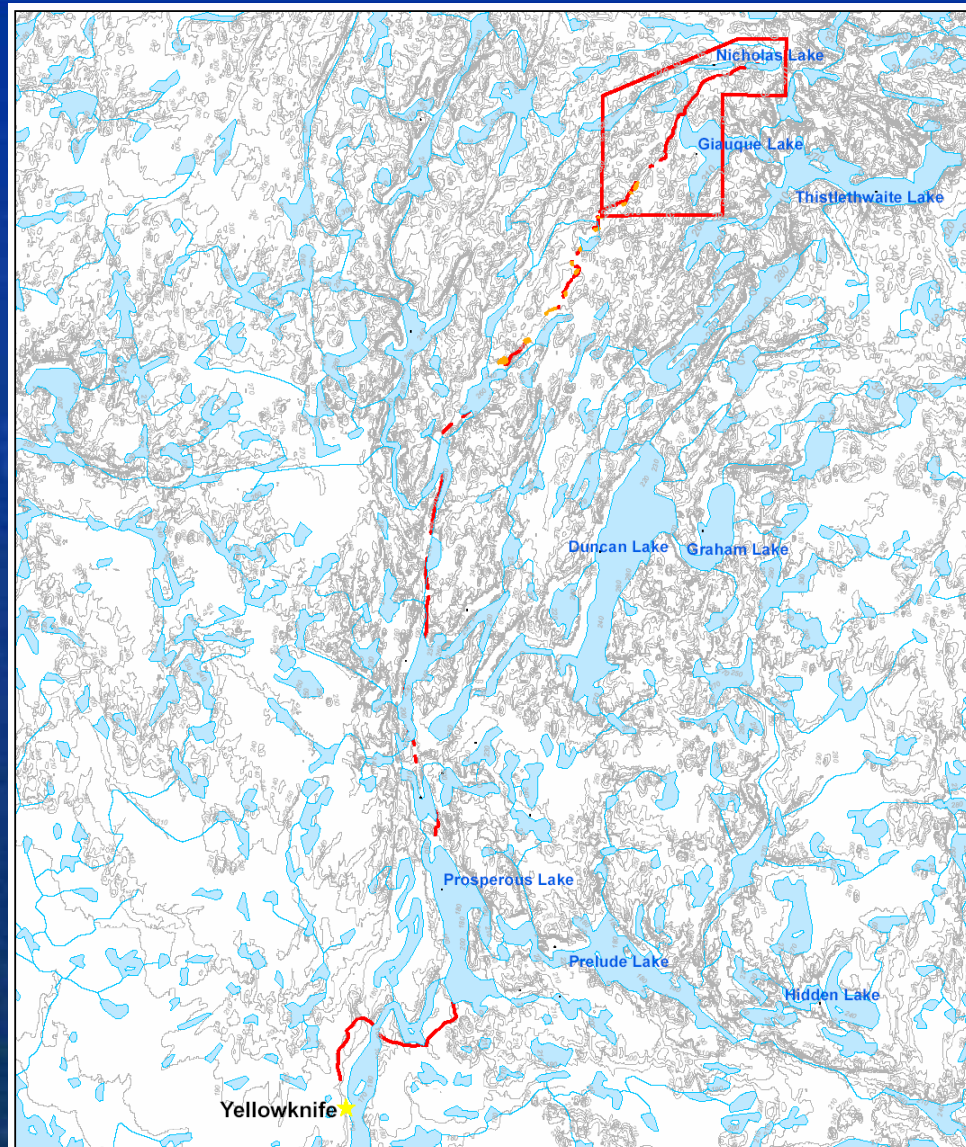
Traditional Use Study

- Detailed Archaeology Studies conducted in 2004 and 2005
- Site visit by elders from NSMA and YDFN in August 2005
- Data Collection continues with this meeting
- Material collected to be used to complete the Developers Assessment Report (DAR)
- Ownership of material to remain with NSMA

Yellowknife Gold Project Study Area



Extended Area of Interest



Objectives of Meeting

Document information on:

- Traditional wildlife harvest (hunting and trapping) in the area.
- Traditional fisheries harvest in the area and associated camps.
- Traditional travel routes through the area.
- Trap lines in the area and associated camps
- Present use of the area by band members for wildlife harvest.
- Present use of the area by band members for fishing (domestic and recreational).
- Other associated uses.

YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

THANK YOU
QUESTIONS



YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

Program Update:
Water Licence Renewal Application
and
MVEIRB Review – Project Description Changes
and
Other Exploration Activities

November , 2007



YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

Water Licence MV2002L2-0017 - Renewal Application

- Application for renewal of existing water licence covering advanced exploration activities
- Current licence expires on October 30, 2008
- Meeting with various community/aboriginal groups
- Plan on submitting renewal application late in 2007 or early 2008

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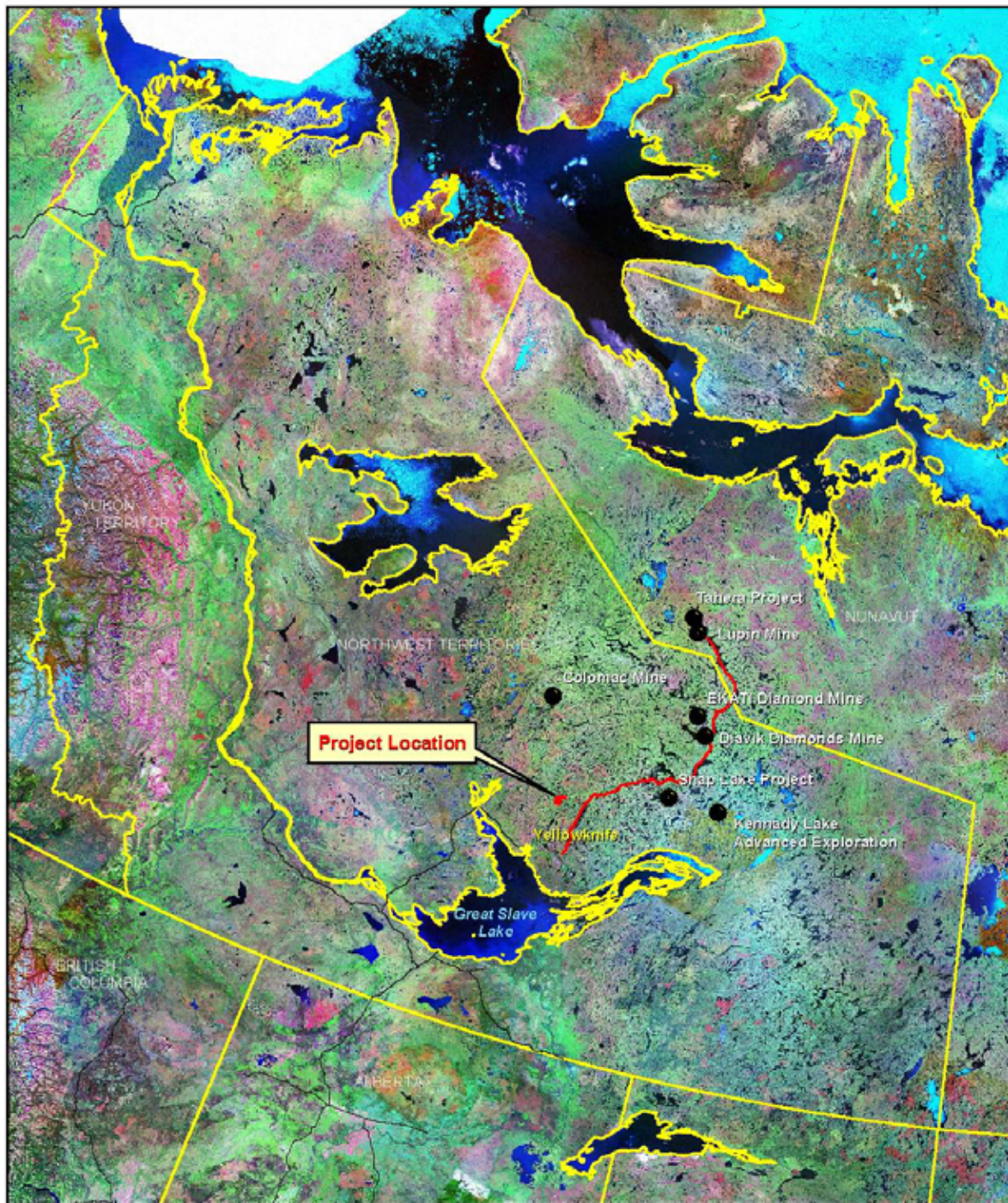
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- No changes from existing operation, mineral exploration including access to existing underground
- 50 person camp , Fresh water hauled from Giauque Lake
- Fuel storage (enviro-tanks) for ~ 900,000 litres
- Bioreactor for sewage with discharge to receiving environment
- SNP program amended June 29, 2007 to remain
- Bonding in place remains the same

YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

Water Licence MV2002L2-0017 - Renewal Application

- Existing Site photos including general site location, Ormsby decline, camp, fuel storage, ore and waste rock storage area, etc



Yellowknife Gold Project Location Map

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YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT



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Exploration Camp (photo by INAC)



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Exploration Decline (photo by INAC)



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YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

Waste and ore Stockpile (July 2007)



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YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

MVEIRB Review – Project Description Changes

- The YGP will now be an OPEN PIT operation (underground in previous PDR)
- Pit size is ~ 800 m long; 400 m wide and 240 m deep
- Waste Rock extracted will be ~ 65 Million tonnes (7-10 M tonnes in previous PDR)
- Processing of ~ 3000 tpd (1500 tpd in previous PDR)
- Total manpower ~ 175 working a fly in - fly out two week rotation (237 in previous PDR)
- Camp will likely be built to ~ 200 persons considering Nicholas Lake (about the same as in previous PDR)
- Fuel Storage for ~ 15 M Litres (12 M litres in previous PDR)

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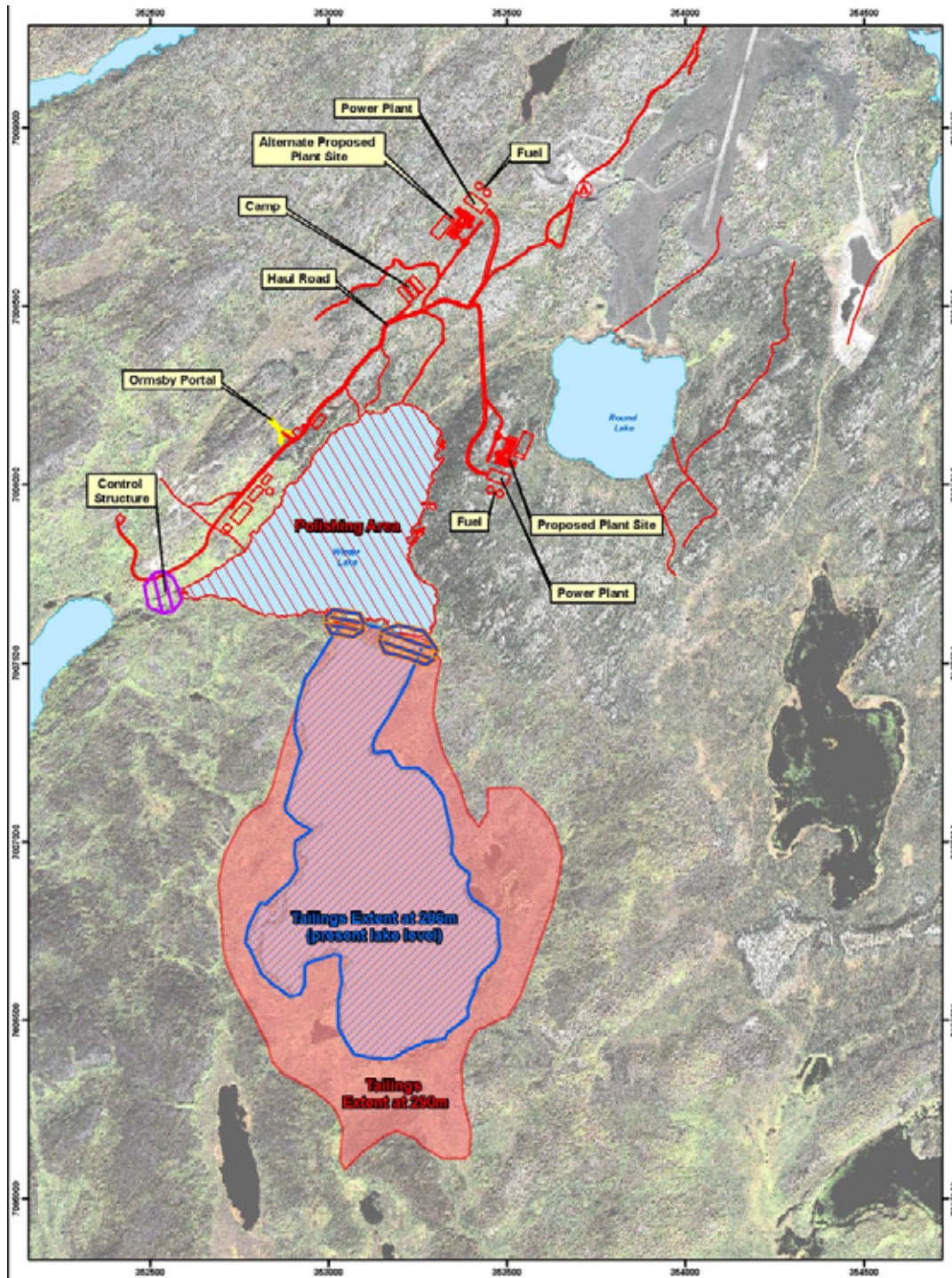
MVEIRB Review – Project Description Changes (con't)

- Tailings Containment Area remains as Winter Lake, however; the open pit will now encroach into Winter Lake requiring the draining of the initially proposed polishing pond. (any releases from lake to meet MMER)
- Metallurgical Process remains as originally submitted
- Biophysical environment information remains as originally submitted, however; the revised PDR will incorporate 2005 data into the DAR
- Use of existing airstrip including current overland access (airstrip geotechnical program has been undertaken since 2005 and reports filed with the MVLWB.
- Upgrades to the airstrip will be done, if necessary to ensure impacts on the Historic Discovery Mine Tailings cap is not compromised.

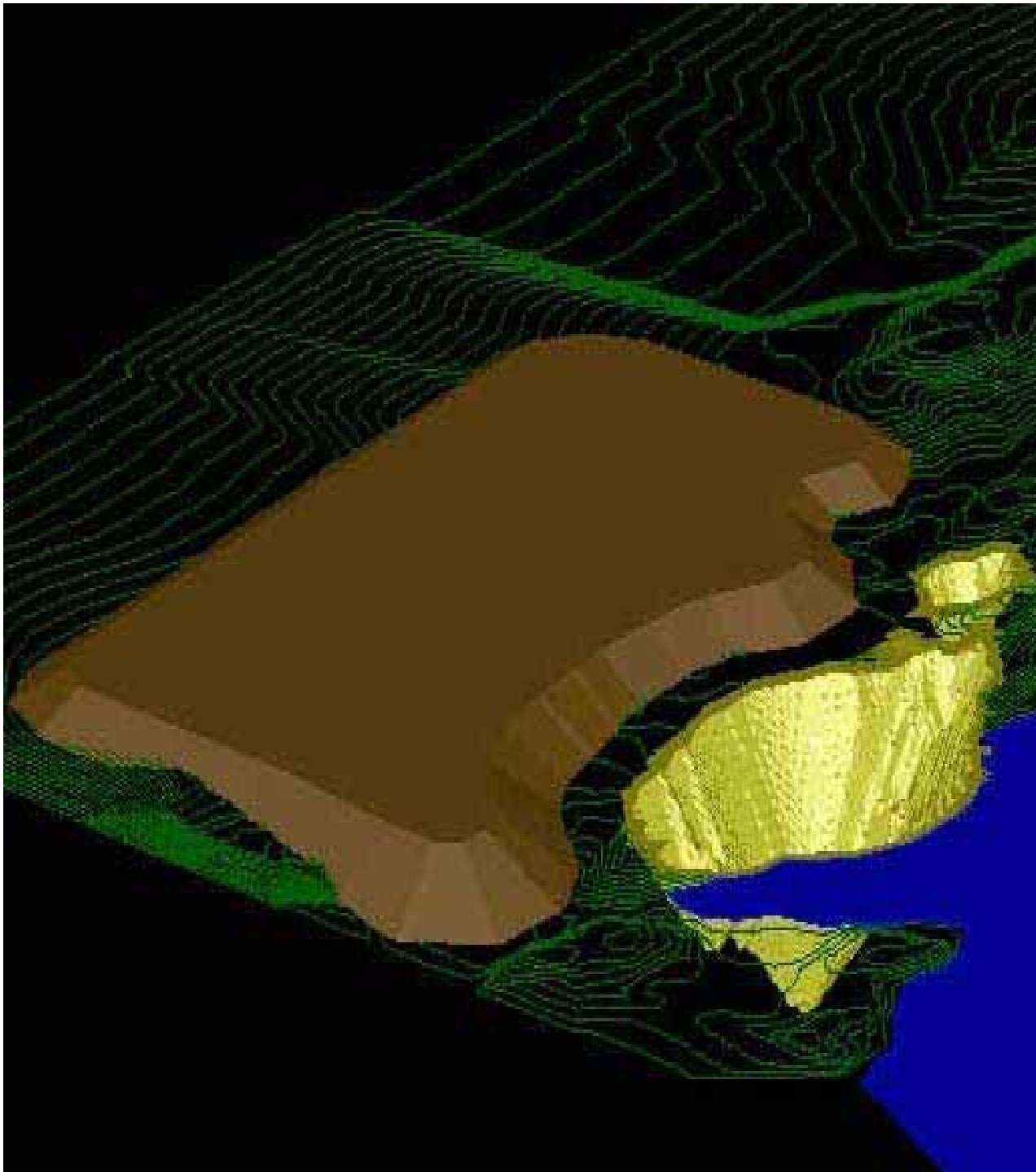
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MVEIRB Review – Project Description Changes (con't) Nicholas Lake

- Nicholas Lake deposit will be incorporated into the revised PDR
- Current studies will determine ore extraction method, could be underground or open pit and possibly a combination of both.
- Ore would be transported to Ormsby for processing
- Small infrastructure at the site will be included the DAR
- Road from Nicholas Lake to Ormsby (originally scoped and baseline work completed)



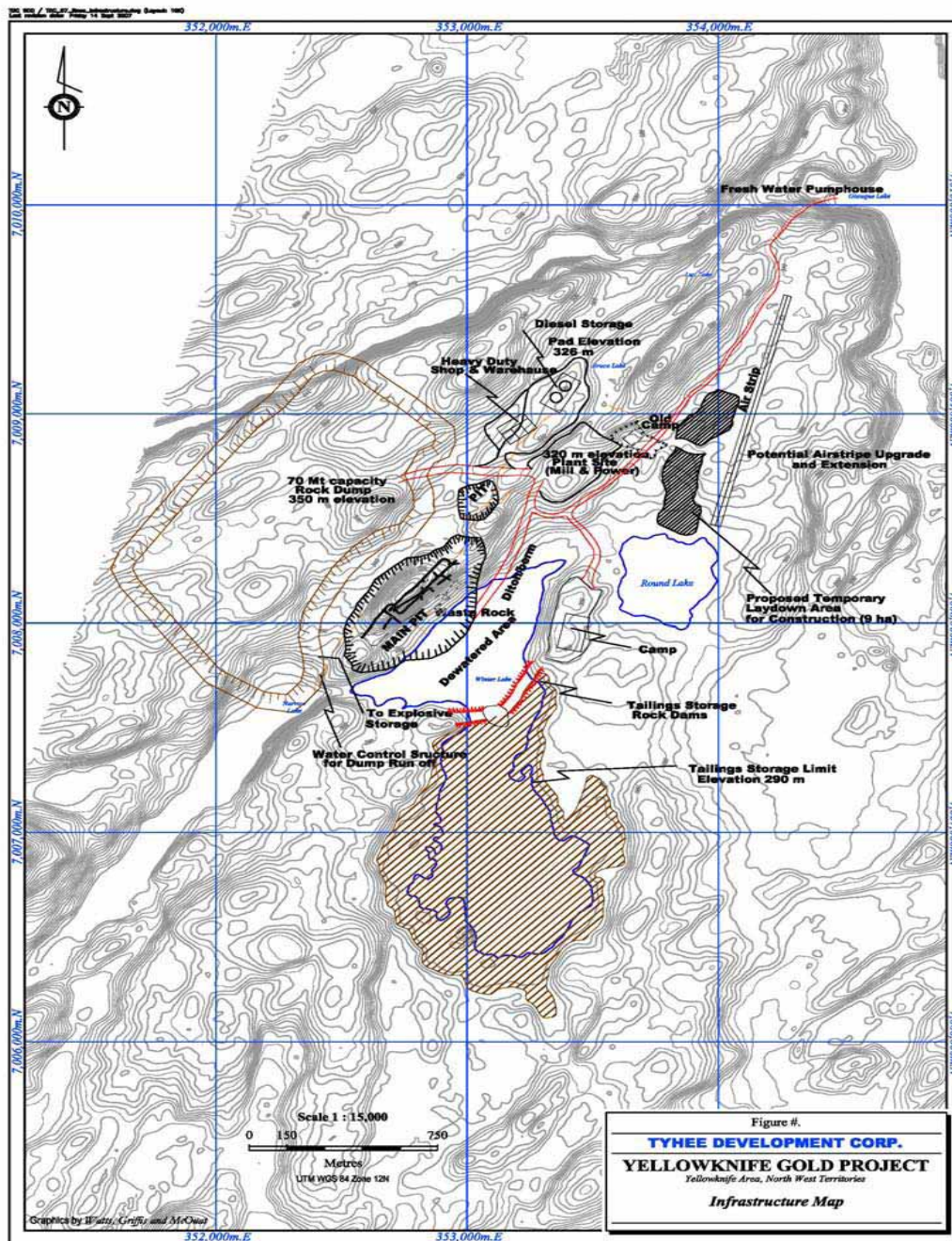
Yellowknife Gold Project Preliminary Site Plan (March 2005)



Yellowknife Gold Project Proposed
Pit and Waste Rock Storage
(DRAFT)

November 2007

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Yellowknife Gold Project
Revised Draft Site Plan
(November 2007)

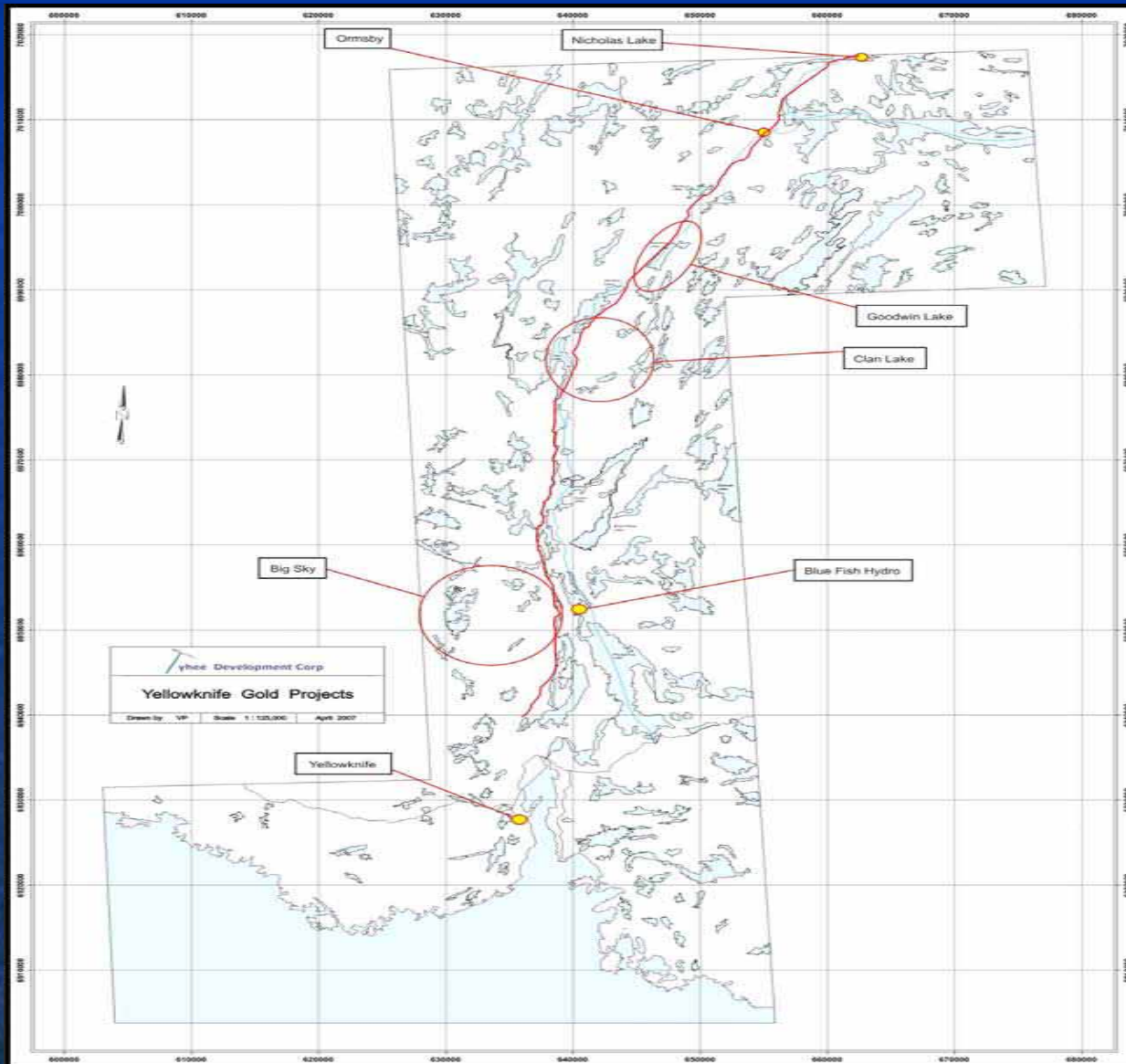


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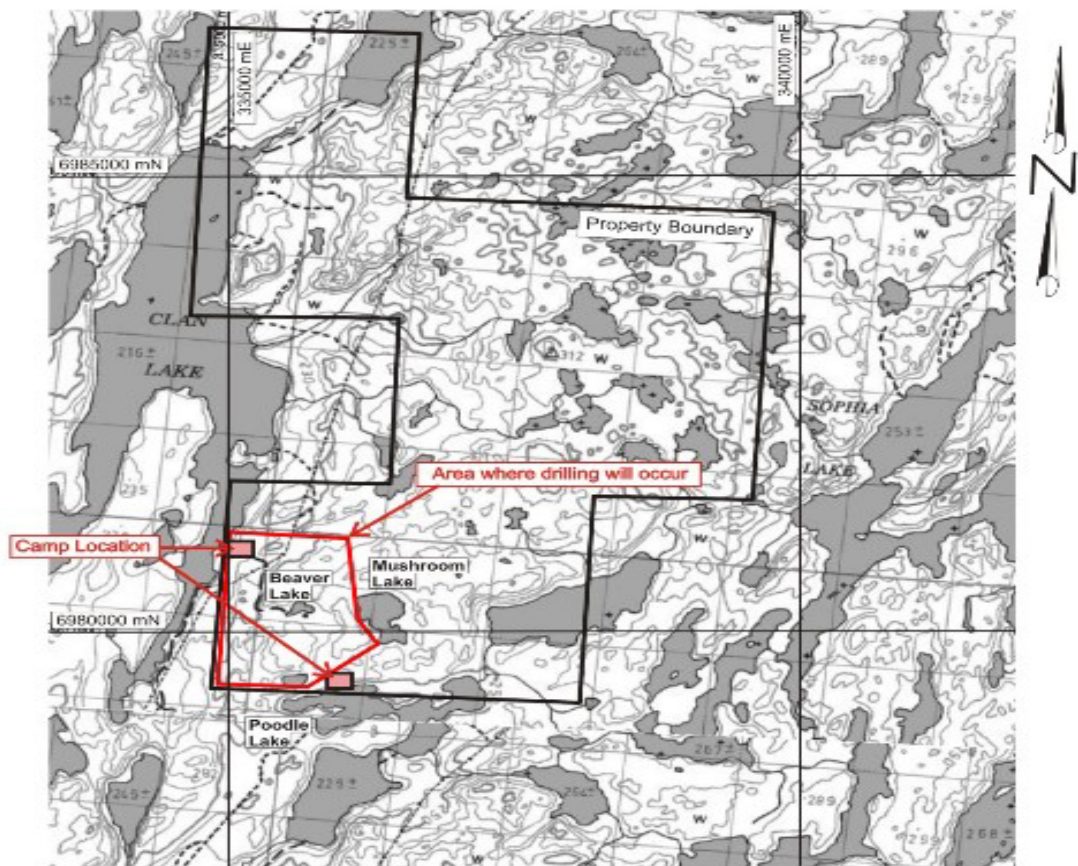
Additional Exploration Activities:

- Land Use Permits in hand for Clan Lake, Goodwin Lake and Big Sky exploration Activities.
- All permits are for 5 years expiring in 2012
- On Big Sky, to enable all year access and activities, Tyhee will be applying for another land use permit for this area.

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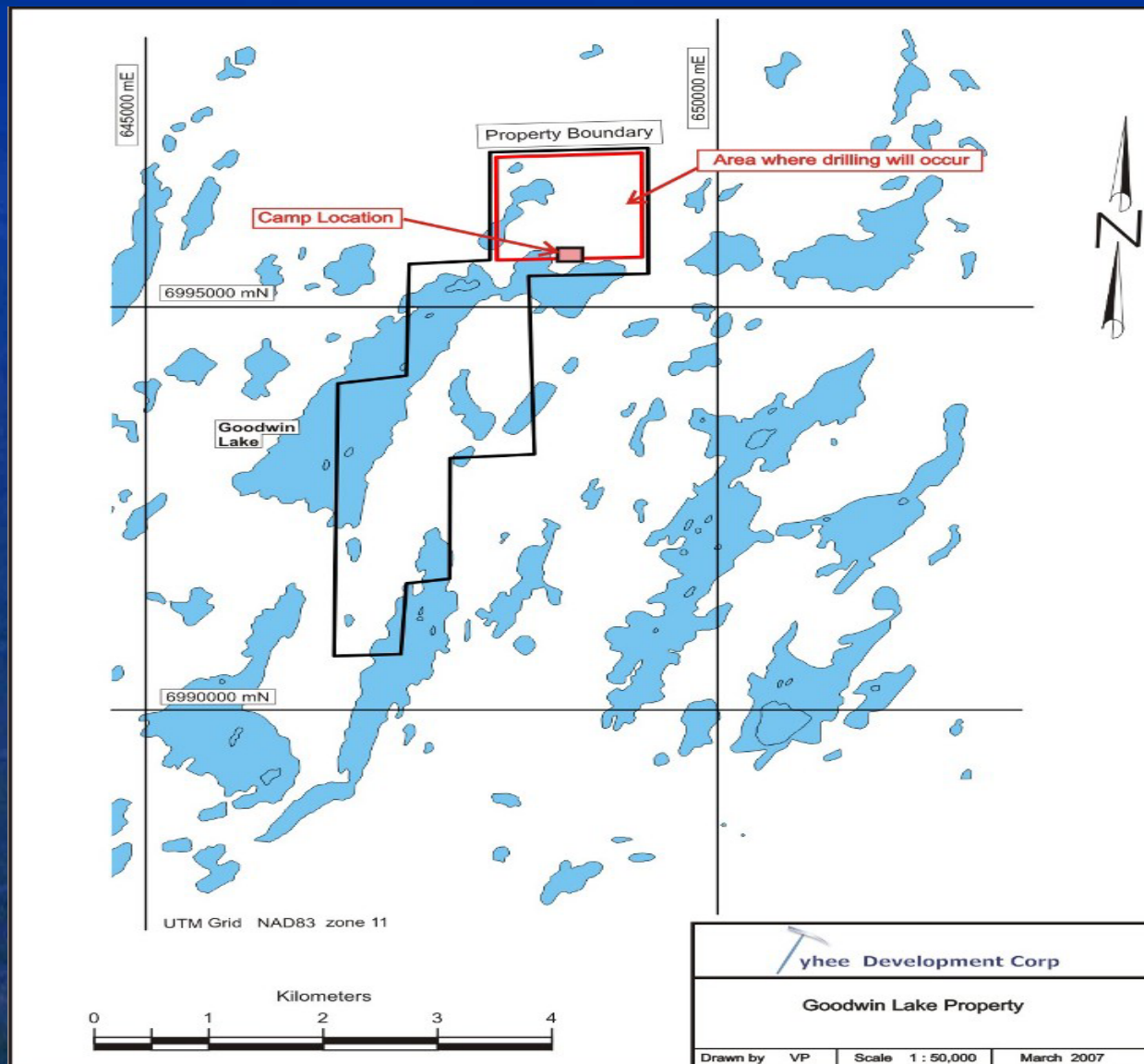
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Tyhee Development Corp		
Clan Lake Property NTS Map Sheet 85J16		
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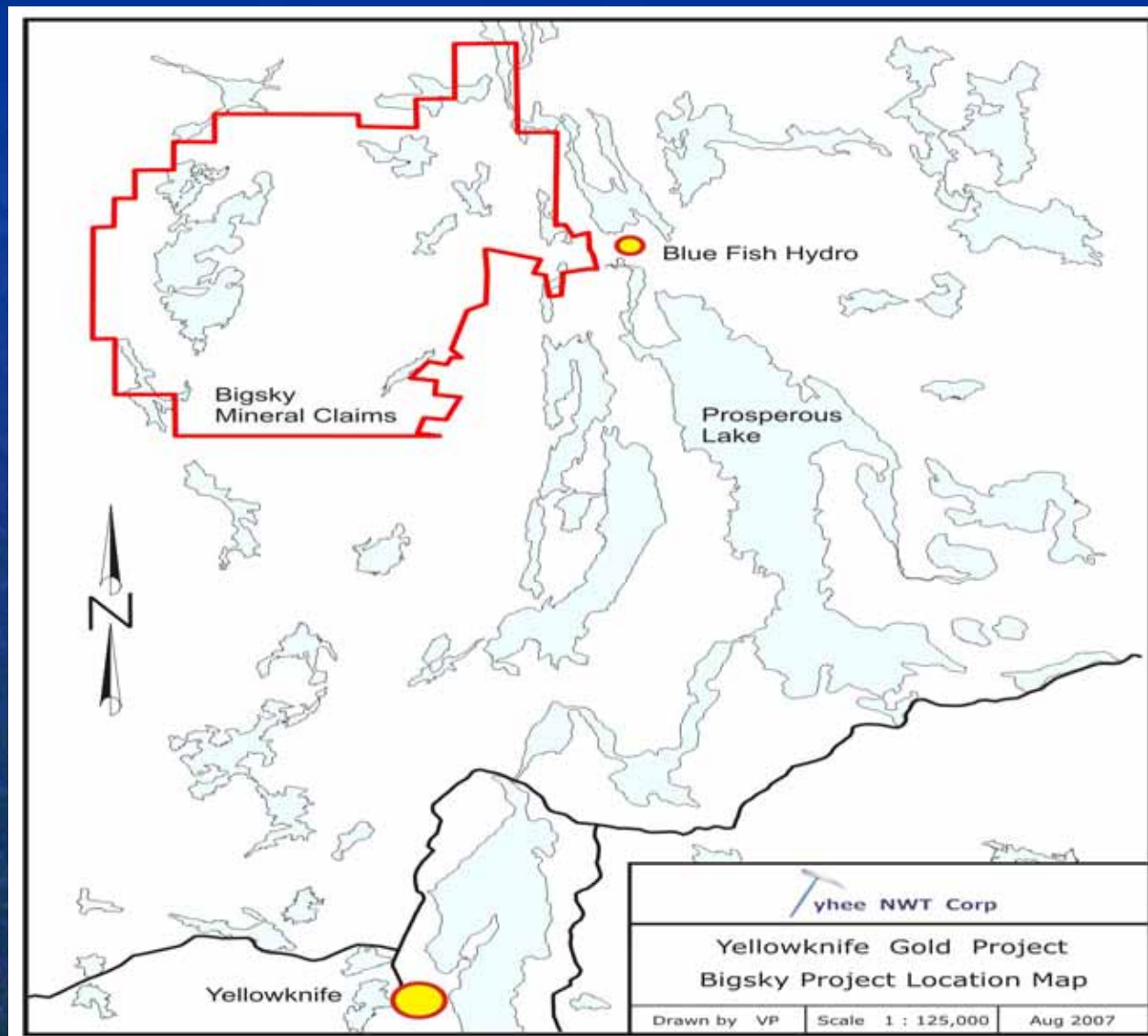
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Section 5 - Meeting Notes and Summaries

PHASE 2 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION UPDATE REPORT
FOR THE YELLOWKNIFE GOLD PROJECT

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Phase 2 community consultation for the Yellowknife Gold project commenced June 10, 2004. In phase 1, Tyhee NWT Corp. and EBA introduced the Yellowknife Gold project to four aboriginal organizations: North Slave Metis Alliance, Dogrib Treaty 11 Council, Yellowknives Dene Dettah and N'dilo First Nations and the Lutsel K'e Dene Band.

This community consultation involved review and approval of three research licences and informational meetings with Tyhee NWT Gold and EBA staff. The purpose of the research permits is for the collection of baseline data, at the Yellowknife Gold property. The permit approvals are authorized through RWED, DFO and the Aurora Institute, upon review and approval by the aboriginal organizations.

Considerable dialogue was required to ensure the aboriginal organizations understood the research permits purpose and their benefit to the local communities. As the aboriginal groups are consulted in all industrial activity in NWT, the organizations were overtaxed to expediently respond to EBA's request.

It was determined an informational meeting with each aboriginal group would assist in reviewing the permits and discussing all aspects of the Yellowknife Gold project. Two primary issues highlighted in the consultation process was a shared boundary issue between the different groups and the mine's economic benefits.

The Dogrib Land Use Committee were willing to review the permits, but did not feel that it was necessary to attend the informational meeting, as their territory was on the periphery of the mine. Their main concern was to have input into the process and co-management authority.

The Lutsel K'e share a boundary with the Yellowknives on the Yellowknife Gold property. The Lutsel K'e Dene Band were unable to attend an informational meeting, due to their involvement in the BHP Hearings the same week. The Lutsel K'e requested the meeting be held in their community. A decision was made to not host a meeting at this time, as the transportation costs were too high. The Land and Environment Committee did request a future meeting when they would receive a project update.

Input was not received from the Deninu K'ue First Nations. This aboriginal group is consulted, due to the regulatory requirement for all aboriginal consultation. Their involvement will be minimal, as their traditional territory is not within the parameters of the mine site.

An informational meeting was held on July 8 at the EBA conference room with the North Slave Metis Alliance members, Kris Johnson, Douglas North, Robert Dowdall and Fred Turner, Dave Webb, Roger Sylvestre, Dave Nickerson, Tyhee NWT Corp., and EBA staff. A project overview was completed by David Webb, which encompassed the previous land use history, project timelines, the environmental baseline work and the desire to have appropriate consultation meetings in the aboriginal communities.

Five members of the North Slave Metis Alliance highlighted concerns, which were decreased water quality, increased winter road use, increased impacts to wildlife, questionable economic benefits for the Metis people and the cumulative impacts of mines, in the area. It was explained the Yellowknife Gold project would not be working the property at the former Discovery Mine.

Access for the Metis people to participate in the environmental baseline work and as environmental monitors was reiterated by the delegation. EBA staff requested a list of prospective persons. The North Slave Metis also overviewed the capabilities of the services presently provided to the local mining industry.

The second informational meeting was held in the Yellowknives Dettah community on the evening of July 8. It was attended by Rachel Chapeau, Isadore Dettah, Michel Paper, Frank Paper, Alfred Liske, Leo Betsina and two other individuals, David Webb, Roger Sylvestre, Dave Nickerson, Tyhee NWT Gold and EBA staff. The meeting opened with a prayer from Michel Paper, an elder. Rachel Chapeau translated all verbal communication into the Dene language. The project overview highlighted Tyhee NWT Corp.'s desire to foster positive relationships with the Yellowknives' people.

The elders shared their history of mining activity in the area and the minimal economic benefits the Yellowknives had received. Concerns about the Giauque Lake's water quality and the Discovery Minesite were discussed. The members were very pleased the Yellowknife Gold property would not be affecting the Giauque Lake. Dave Webb spoke on the recent testing at the Giauque Lake and the improved water quality that has taken place.

Rachel Chapeau identified that the mine area encompasses the Yellowknives traditional territory, as agreed upon through the Akaitcho-Tlicho Agreement, November 27, 2002. The elders and members communicated frustration at the consultation process that involves aboriginal groups with limited or no traditional jurisdiction on the identified landbase. Rachel Chapeau will be addressing this issue with the regulators in the near future.

The members recommended to Tyhee NWT Corp., the Yellowknives people are to be involved in all environmental baseline work and also be contacted when discarded construction materials are available. David Webb agreed to work with the Rachel Chapeau to set up a process. David Webb expressed agreement that greater employment opportunities will be made available to the members.

The informational meetings identified the desire for the aboriginal communities to have ongoing involvement, as the mine progresses. It is important the issue vocalized by the Yellowknives people regarding traditional territories be remedied. It is a concern that the Tyhee NWT Corp. is required to continually decimate their energies amongst four aboriginal groups, rather than focus on the primary group, which will be affected by the Yellowknife Gold project.

The first phase of the environmental baseline work has been completed. Noel Doctor, Yellowknife, and Darren Rabesca, Dogrib, supported the archaeology work and Darin North, North Slave Metis, supported the fisheries work. The aboriginal involvement provided an extra pair of ears and eyes in the field and assisted in building bridges between Tyhee NWT Gold and the communities. As the environmental baseline work continues, the involvement with the aboriginal communities will increase.

A mine site tour will be organized with the Yellowknives in mid August and an informational meeting with the Lutsel K'e in September.

Meeting Notes
Tyhee NW T Corp and
MacKenzie Valley Land and Water Board
August 28, 2006 – 10:30 AM
Yellowknife, NW T

Present: Hugh Wilson, VP Environment and Community Affairs, Tyhee
Ken Weagle, Consultant to Tyhee
Janpeter Lennie-Misgeld, MVLWB
Angela Plautz, MVLWB

The meeting started with Hugh Wilson outlining the purpose of the meeting as:

1. To review changes in the Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP)
2. To discuss implications to the process, and
3. To discuss outstanding issues with existing permits and licenses

Changes to Yellowknife Gold Project

After the completion of a new resource estimate during the summer of 2006 it appears that the most economic way to develop the YGP will be through an open pit mine. This will mean a change in the Development description from the original presentation to the MVLWB. The changes would be:

- Open pit mine as apposed to underground
- An incursion into Winter Lake by the pit
- Change in configuration of the Winter Lake tailings area
- Larger waste rock storage area
- Larger mill and higher mill throughput (3000 to 5000 t/d)

These changes will be outlined in a Preliminary Economic Evaluation (PEE) presently being conducted. This document will be completed in November and by December Tyhee will be in a position to provide a new project description to the MVLWB and MVEIRB.

Implications to the Environmental Review Process

The question of concern to Tyhee now is what implications to the process do these changes have. Tyhee wants to make the process as smooth as possible and prevent long delays.

It was generally that HW should outline the changes to the MVLWB in November and ask for direction. A discussion of this concluded that it may be possible to only submit a new Chapter 2 (Development Description) of the document originally submitted to the MVLWB with the applications.

With the development going to open pit new areas of concern were highlighted as:

- Ammonia in the pit water
- Groundwater quality and handling
- Waste rock storage and associated ARD implications

The timing issues for the environmental review process were put forward as follows:

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| • Preliminary Economic Evaluation | November, 2006 |
| • New Project Description | December, 2006 |
| • New ToR from MVEIRB | January, 2007 |
| • Developers Assessment Report (DAR) | April, 2007 |

It was agreed that the MVLWB would provide direction on the update they needed when they received a letter from HW requesting the direction (probably November 2006)

Other Permits and Licenses

HW indicated that all work that was being done on site now was covered under permit MV2005C0001. AP agreed but she noted that MV2002C0010 and MV 2002C0011 were still active. There is a large security deposit associated with these two permits and AP will check with Ken Dahl, INAC for the final inspection and closure of these two permits. AP will inform HW of any requirements relating to these two permits and the information required in the Closure Plan.

The process is that INAC recommends closure, the MVLWB moves closure and when all requirements are met the MVLWB sends a letter to INAC for the release of the funds.

A brief discussion was held on the proposed new application for a 4 hole diamond drill project. There was a need for a new contingency plan, Tyhee should indicate the maximum number of holes, it would be a Type A land use permit. In relation to the consultation and possible need for an MOU with the YDFN it was noted by PL-M that although consultation was needed the MVLWB does not consider or deal with the MOU as it is outside environmental requirements.

HW indicated that the Annual Inspection of the Airstrip and the Geotechnical report under MV2005C0001 will be in the hands of the board by the end of the week (September 29, 2006). He also indicated that it would only cover the Tyhee use of the airstrip and Tyhee access road and not the situation off the airstrip. In addition as only one years data has been collected from the thermistors that no Recommendations would be coming from the report this year.

In relation to water license MV2002L2-0017 there was a requirement for a closure plan for the mine.

Meeting Notes
Tyhee NW T Corp and
MacKenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
August 29, 2006 – 1:30 PM
Yellowknife, NW T

Present: Hugh Wilson, VP Environment and Community Affairs, Tyhee
Ken Weagle, Consultant to Tyhee
Vern Christensen, MVEIRB
Patrick Duxbury, MVEIRB
Mary Tapsell, MVEIRB

The meeting started with Hugh Wilson outlining the purpose of the meeting as:

4. To review changes in the Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP)
5. To discuss implications to the process, and
6. To discuss the Traditional Land Use Study presently underway.

Changes to Yellowknife Gold Project

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HW also indicated that there would probably be no changes to the manpower requirements or the camp size.

These changes will be outlined in a Preliminary Economic Evaluation (PEE) presently being conducted. This document will be completed in November and by December Tyhee will be in a position to provide a new project description to the MVLWB and MVEIRB.

At this point it is hoped by Tyhee that we can continue on with the current process by modifying Chapter 2 of the Project Description Report (PDR) and submitting it to the two boards. This will initiate a new scoping session and a new Terms of Reference (ToR).

Implications to the Environmental Review Process

HW indicated that the MVLWB was not sure what implications these changes would have to the application but they were looking into it.

VC indicated that once the PEE was in Tyhee hands and the changes were known that Tyhee should send an official letter to the Board indicating that they needed to change the PDR and what Tyhee felt might happen with the process. This letter should include:

1. Changed PDR Chapter 2 in December
2. New ToR in January and
3. Tyhee to proceed with DAR in new year.
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This would go to the MVEIRB for a decision on process. This letter should be sent as soon as possible after the PEE was complete and it would go on the public registry. VC did not think it would be a complicated process and that the process should not be stalled once a new PDR was in their hands.

Traditional Land Use Study

HW outlined the work that was presently going on with the Traditional Land Use Study. He also outlined the problems that we had with getting a meeting with the YDFN as follows:

1. Have had good relationships with the YDFN in the past with several meetings and an elders tour of site
2. Requested a continuation of the TLU study in August 2006 with no reply
3. Told we would need an MOU with YDFN involving considerable cash in September but only by a consultant
4. Process now appears to be stalled, and
5. Tyhee after a review of the Interim Measures Agreement and the appendices can not see where an MOU is required.

HW then asked what would happen if we were not able to collect the information to fulfill the ToR for the DAR.

MT said that the MVEIRB was aware of the MOU requests from the Akaticho and that as far as she was aware they were not a part of the IMA. As far as completing the TLU study we should keep trying for a meeting and maintain a full consultation log of the results of the effort. She also suggested we might want to talk to James Lawrence, Director of Aboriginal and Territorial Affairs, INAC to keep him informed of the situation and Kelly Emon of the Mineral Group, INAC to see what they might be able to do.

HW also informed them of our progress with the TLU study with the North Slave Métis Alliance.

Meeting Notes
North Slave Métis Alliance and
Tyhee NWT Corp

March 20, 2007, 4:30 PM
Explorer Hotel
Yellowknife, NT

Present:

North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA)

Sheryl Grieve, (SG); Manager - Lands and Environment
Ed Jones, Elder

Tyhee NWT Corp (Tyhee)

Hugh R. Wilson, (HRW) – Vice President - Environment and Community Affairs
Ken Weagle, (KVW) - Independent Consultant to Tyhee NWT Corp

HRW began the meeting by outlining the purpose of the discussion as three fold:

1. To discuss the Big Sky land use permit application currently with the MVLWB and the planned submission of land use permit applications for the Clan Lake and Goodwin Lake exploration programs.
2. To discuss the Traditional Land Use Report Draft
3. To provide an update on the Yellowknife Gold Project.

HRW outlined the hold up in the Big Sky land use permit being issued was related to the MVLWB currently waiting for a letter from INAC confirming that consultation had been complete but to his knowledge there had been no response to the MVLWB from INAC. HRW also mentioned that it had been difficult to arrange meetings/discussions with the Yellowknife's Dene First Nation (YKDFN) to discuss the Big Sky permit applications but did mention that Tyhee would be meeting with the YKDFN on March 21, 2007. The Big Sky permit application is awaiting a response to the MVLWB from INAC.

SG asked if Tyhee would make sure that employment opportunities related to the project be posted with the NSMA Human Resources Office and that the contact there was Sheryl Standing Cloud. She also has the NSMA business list.

HRW then outlined the diamond drilling programs that were being planned for Clan and Goodwin Lakes and distributed maps outlining the drill targets in the focus area. Both programs are relatively small drill programs with 6-10 holes in the first year each hole being approximately 300 meters. They will have small camps (6-8 people) that will be helicopter or fix wing supported and included pit toilets. Non-combustible garbage will be taken to either the YGP or Yellowknife for disposal on a regular basis. Both programs will begin with mapping and surface sampling to confirm drill targets.

SG said that in future the NSMA would like to get claim blocks, drill targets and camp locations in GIS format with a NAD 83 projection and in ArcView 3.2 format. HRW said that they would do their best to assist.

Again SG said that the NSMA would like to ensure that any job opportunities were posted with their Human Resources people in Yellowknife.

HRW then provided a brief outline of the status of the Yellowknife Gold Project including the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) that is expected to be finished in June 2007, the PEA would identify expected changes in the scope of the project (open pit now instead of underground), larger waste rock storage area, an expected increase in mill throughput plus others subtle changes that would be discussed with the MVLWB and MVEIRB, followed by another scoping session that would provide changes to the Terms of Reference for the DAR. The NSMA would be apprised of these changes at meetings through the regular channels – MVEIRB or MVLWB.

SG asked what the status of the work at Nicholas Lake was.

HRW said that the winter road had been put in and the following activities were underway:

1. Moving out the trailers left there.
2. Moving the drill core to the Ormsby site.
3. Establishing a lab at the Ormsby site to resample to Nicholas Lake core and send out for analysis
4. More Diamond drilling on key targets.

SG asked if the Socio-Economic study for the mine had been done as yet. HRW said that it would be done in conjunction with finalizing the DAR, hopefully later this year.

SG pointed out that the NSMA want the Métis community to be dealt with separately from the other First Nations and they want a community specific analysis of the Métis workforce. She added that the Métis community does not mimic the present community boundaries and refers to the members of the Métis community in the NT as a whole.

On the Traditional Land Use Study HRW said he was finalizing the comments and that he would have them to SG shortly.

HRW closed the meeting by saying that Tyhee has been very pleased by the cooperative relationship that has developed with the NSMA and the responsiveness of the organization to Tyhee's requests for consultation, the Traditional Land Use Study and the NSMA's general responses to the MVLWB on their Land Use Permit applications.

Meeting Notes
Yellowknife's Dene First Nation And
Tyhee NWT Corp

March 21, 2007, 1:00 PM
YKDFN - Land and Environment Office
Dettah, NT

Present:

Yellowknife's Dene First Nation (YKDFN)

Jeanne M. Cadieux, CEO (JC)

Phil Moonson (PMS)

Rachel Crapeau (RC)

Tyhee NWT Corp (Tyhee)

Hugh R. Wilson, (HRW) – Vice President - Environment and Community Affairs

Ken Weagle, (KVW) - Independent Consultant to Tyhee NWT Corp

The meeting began with RC speaking about the meetings in Toronto and for clarification to where we are in the process. Her main questions were What does Tyhee want to do? And What information is Tyhee sharing at this meeting?

HRW – The Big Sky application has been in the system since October and although we had provided all the information to the YDFN there has been no response on the request for a review. This long period of time was too long and the lack of response from the YKDFN and the Akaitcho intervention to the MVLWB has delayed the issuance of the LUP for Big Sky and in fact probably caused the program to be lost for this year.

RC made some comments on their need to involve the elders to complete an archaeological study of the area under application and when asked by HRW if this included of inferred Traditional Land Use (TLU), RC responded YES. To this, HRW responded that Tyhee had requested a meeting with the YDFN on the Traditional Land Use study in the summer of 2006, a follow-up to the elders site visit in 2005, to which YDFN did not respond and no TLU meetings were held. KVW stated that Tyhee did complete a TLU study with the NSMA and that this would be used in the DAR in the absence of participation by the YKDFN elders.

On the Big Sky project, HRW outlined that at present it was a very small, probably 4 holes initially, 300 meters for each hole, no camp, no fuel storage other than requirements for the drills, pumps etc.. Based on the success of the initial program future year program could be expanded. Tyhee did not want to go through the extensive application process every time so the Big Sky application is for 5 years to cover the prospect of work in later years. This drilling is on a trend from Giant to Nicholas Lake and Tyhee has two more applications they would like to make for small diamond drilling, one at Godwin Lake and one at Clan Lake. These are also small projects and if initial programs support and expanded program, and the expanded program identifies

significant resources, these could become mill feed to the YGP, however; it is too premature to speculate on that until significant drilling occurs at the sites

HRW said he hoped that this meeting was considered the face-to-face meeting and the application for Big Sky could move ahead after five months. HRW also hoped that this meeting would satisfy the YKDFN needs to proceed with the Clan and Goodwin Lakes applications.

JC asked if Tyhee planned to expand on this meeting by meeting with the Chief and Council and the elders?

HRW responded that he thought that this application (Big Sky) was of a size that could be handled by a small group. He wondered if the extent of consultation could be tailored to the size of the proposed program requested in the application.

JC said that at present the YKDFN were doing an internal review and reorganization to be better prepared to respond to Exploration Applications. She also said that although the meeting today was an initial discussion it would most likely have to be expanded.

KVW pointed out that the Yellowknife Gold project, which is under review at the EA stage by the MVEIRB and the Big Sky application should be kept separate in the discussion.

PMS said that to this point in the meeting there were inaccuracies in what was being said but he did not elaborate on what they were.

JC said that if Tyhee gave her the consultation log they will compare with their own records. She also suggested we should be looking forward and not be so concerned about the past developments with the Big Sky application. HRW provided the consultation log that had been submitted to the MVLWB and stated that although the letter was dated February 16, 2007, there were dates stated as to additional communication that included documented dialogue that led to the meeting today (March 21, 2007).

HRW reiterated that he would like to see the Big Sky application move forward and said Tyhee was willing to take steps to make this happen.

RC said that if the YKDFN had a collection of TLU that all would have moved forward long ago. Basically YKDFN wants and needs a commitment on TLU from Tyhee to move any project forward.

KVW asked if someone could outline the process of how things get approved in the Akaitcho area now in relation to the Interim Measures agreement and other new developments. JC said that YKDFN is working through a protocol with Stephen Ellis of the Akaitcho Interim Measures Office.. YKDFN need their own archaeology (TLU) study. The YKDFN can not support any Exploration on the land without a TLU study. Any TLU study is the property of the YKDFN but can be used by applicants to support

their applications. She also reiterated that if we wanted the Big Sky application to proceed Tyhee must commit to a TLU study.

RC said that the first time the YKDFN saw the document “Guidelines for Mineral Exploration Companies Seeking to Engage the Akaitcho Dene First Nation” was at the meeting in Toronto during the PDAC.

JC continued that there are always impacts from drilling regardless of the number of holes and size of the project and that these impacts can only be evaluated for significance if the TLU has been done and significant sites to the YKDFN are known.

HRW said that was good but on the Big Sky application we could not seem to get the YKDFN to the table. He then asked if Tyhee were to commit to supporting the collection of TLU data from the area would the YKDFN take the application forward?

JC said that to collect TLU information they would need to know all the parameters covered by the projects in the area.

JC went on to outline what she thought were the next steps in the process, which are:

1. Find current copy of a TLU agreement and provide to HRW
2. Tyhee to define timelines and activities to be covered by the TLU study
3. Develop an agreement and move forward. This would best be done by the YKDFN group and submitted to HRW at Tyhee

KVW asked what was the relationship between the YKDFN and the Akaitcho Screening Board (ASB)?

RC said that the process was:

1. Application reviewed by First Nation
2. FN send comments to ASB
3. ASB send their comments to affected chief and council
4. Chief and Council send comments to MVLWB

HRW stated that in light of the present timing of any review it was extremely unlikely that Big Sky would proceed this year. But he asked what were the next steps.

RC said that this is what could be done:

1. RC would look at application with elders and she would also like Tyhee to provide here with their latest archaeology report to include in this review. HRW stated she would have it by the end of the week (March 23, 2007). This review would be put in the report to Chief and Council and Tyhee.
 2. RC would need the information on all the Tyhee applications including Big Sky, Goodwin Lake, Clan Lake and the Yellowknife Gold Project.
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3. PMS would confirm the process to HRW by Friday, March 23, 2007.

RC then said she would consider a letter to the MVLWB withdrawing the present objection if an agreement on TLU was being developed and if it did not go against her directions from the Chief and Council. She also said that they would consider all the Tyhee applications in the area together but the archaeology site visits could not be completed till the snow is gone.

HRW said that if an agreement is developed and a study is done he would like to see it cover all the Tyhee activities from Nicholas Lake in the north to Prosperous Lake in the south.

RC said once they receive the outline of the area from HRW that the YKDFN would set the scope and fees. HRW left copies of the planned programs at Big Sky, Clan and Goodwin Lakes that were identified on maps. All activities are planned along or adjacent to the current winter road route from Prosperous Lake to the Yellowknife Gold Project, including Nicholas Lake.

HRW asked if they could move forward on the other two applications?

RC said yes that Tyhee should apply and that they could go ahead as long as an agreement was being discussed.

PMS promised that he would respond more quickly in the future to Tyhee's requests and that Tyhee would now be one of his priorities.

HRW then provided a brief outline of the status of the Yellowknife Gold Project including the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), expected changes in the scope of the project (open pit now instead of underground), larger waste rock storage area, a increase in mill throughput plus others subtle changes that would be discussed with the MVLWB and MVEIRB, followed by another scoping session that would provide changes to the Terms of Reference for the DAR. The YKDFN would be apprised of these changes and any meetings through the regular channels – MVEIRB or MVLWB.

RC asked why the move to the open pit from underground?

HRW answered that the engineering studies to date and the proposed mine plan, indicated that to extract as much gold as possible, an open pit extraction scenario would enable Tyhee to have the project as efficient and economically viable as possible. An open pit allows the operator to extract more gold, but results in larger quantities of ore processed through the mill which has an affect on tailings storage, waste rock storage etc. As mentioned earlier, all changes would be discussed with the MVEIRB and MVLWB and scoping sessions would be held to ensure input from interested groups including the YKDFN.

The meeting finished at approximately 3:00 PM

TYHEE NWT Corp
Meeting with
North Slave Métis Alliance
November 26, 2007
NSMA Board Room, Yellowknife, NT

Present:

Hugh Wilson, VP Environment and Community Affairs, Tyhee NWT Corp
Roger Sylvester, Executive Vice President, Tyhee Development Corp
Ken Weagle, Independent Consultant to Tyhee NWT Corp
Sheryl Grieve, NSMA
Claudia Haas, NSMA
Sarah Olivier, NSMA
Shannon Haydon, NSMA
Bill Enge, President NSMA (Joined meeting at 3:30PM)

The meeting began at 2:30 PM with round table introductions.

Hugh Wilson (HW) began with a power point presentation that focused on the objectives of the meeting as:

1. Information on Water Licence Renewal Application for the existing advanced exploration activities at the Yellowknife Gold Project
2. Update on the Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP) MVEIRB Process
3. Update and information on other exploration activities outside the YGP area including comments on existing land use permits in area

Sheryl Grieve (SG) asked if the question of the airstrip had been discussed with the contaminated sites people as yet. HW said the 2007 annual geotechnical report on the airstrip have been filed with the MVLWB and Tyhee's geotechnical consultants determined that the existing airstrip could be used, with the stated additional material that would result in no impacts to the underlying tailings cap. The MVLWB had sent the report out for comment and would be advising Tyhee if there were any further requirements. In direct response to Ms. Grieve's questions, HW stated that discussions with INAC – CARD would be undertaken as the project proceeds.

SG asked if there was an all weather road planned from Nicholas Lk. to the Ormsby property? HW said that an all weather road from Nicholas Lake to Ormsby appeared in the original PDR, however; it will be incorporated more fully into the revised PDR that Tyhee will be preparing early in 2008. HW stated that all the necessary biophysical and archeology data had been collected on the route.

SG asked- how do the Tyhee applications relate to the RTL applications to use the Discovery winter road. HW said Tyhee's current land use permit for the YGP allows for a winter road, however; the road referred to is a secondary road associated with the

Tibbett Lake to Lupin Winter Road and as such there is no connection between Tyhee and RTL. The only interaction is that RTL personnel stay in our camp and allows Tyhee to use the winter road for it's own use and needs to resupply the camp during the winter road season. HW stated that the main purpose for the secondary route, as everyone knows, is to use the route as a backhaul route from the diamond mines to take the pressure off the south end of the main route north.

Bill Enge (BE), joined the meeting at about 3:30 PM and said that the NSMA would like to be active participants in all aspects of the project. He also said that he felt Tyhee was attempting to comply with the NSMA's expectations on consultation. He added that the NSMA would like an IBA for the project and would like to be involved financially with all aspects of the development.

HW responded that all projects are different in their size, scope and financial considerations, as such, everyone needs to keep in perspective the scope and size of the YGP and said that this was Tyhee's key advice to the MVEIRB when the project underwent scoping sessions in 2005. HW hoped that this would carry over to further scoping sessions which will be looking at the revised PDR. HW also stated that contract size and overall benefits also contingent on the size of the project and the YGP would not be as large as the diamond mines and would not be able to deliver the same level of benefits as the diamond mines have over the past years.

BE said that NSMA were really looking for economic participation and were far less interested in the concept of stipend payments.

Roger Sylvester (RS) pointed out that the timing for the YGP construction will depend on engineering and permitting. If all goes according to plan, construction could start in 2009 – 2010.

BE pointed out that the sooner they get an IBA the better, and he would like an indication of times for these negotiations. He said he did not want to be negotiating an IBA after the project had started construction. The De Beers Snap Lake project is an example of how they do not want it to happen.

RS said Tyhee would keep him informed of what they are doing but before too much happens the full engineering study has to be completed.

HW added that they also had to get through the Environmental Assessment process before a construction decision can be made and the project moves forward. As Sheryl would be the main NSMA representative throughout the EA process, she would be the one keeping the NSMA executive and members informed..

BE said that they have to be informed in advance so the NSMA can be prepared to respond to financial opportunities of the YGP. He would like to see negotiated contracts and a symbiotic relationship. HW reiterated that dialogue would continue through Sheryl.

SG added that Tyhee should not forget that NSMA has a training arm that can help them in developing a workforce.

RS reaffirmed that Tyhee wants to use northern business as much as possible.

BE said that any IBA would have five elements:

1. Contracts
2. Employment
3. Stipend
4. Training
5. Scholarships

A good model is the Mine Training Society currently in place.

Related to the various land use permits (outside the YGP area) SG asked if the present winter road to Discovery went by the three claim blocks that are in the new land use permits. HW showed the graphic of the winter road and location of the Clan Lake, Goodwin lake and Big Sky exploration target areas. In winter, Clan and Goodwin access would be from spur routes off the winter road and in the summer, would be helicopter access. . All permits are for 5 years and expire in 2012. For Big Sky, current access is via skidoo or helicopter, however, Tyhee will be applying for another land use permit for Big Sky that will allow all year access and the establishment of camps if required.

BE asked how the drills for the exploration program were being moved? RS said by helicopter.

At the conclusion BE took the Tyhee representatives on a tour of the NSMA facilities.

TYEE NWT Corp
Meeting with
NWT Métis Nation
November 27, 2007
NWT Métis Nation Board Room, Fort Smith, NT

Present:

Hugh Wilson, VP, Environment and Community Affairs, Tyhee NWT Corp
Roger Sylvester, Executive Vice President, Tyhee Development Corp
Ken Weagle, Independent Consultant to Tyhee NWT Corp
Chris Heron, Environmental Manager, NWT Métis Nation
Tim Heron, NWT Métis Nation
Vita Hoyles, GIS Analyst, NWT Métis Nation

Chris Heron (CH) began by saying that this was not a consultation but an information session. He also pointed out that there was an "Interim Measures Agreement" with the NWT Métis Nation and the crown and this had to be followed. He said he would provide us with a copy of this agreement at the end of the meeting. He also said that they wanted to work with applicants before an application was made.

CH said that the Métis were not against development but they wanted it done right.

Hugh Wilson (HW) commented that Tyhee feels this face to face meeting is considered part of the consultation process and that we should not get caught up in the definition of "consultation". Tyhee feels it is consultation in the context of what the MVLWB looks at in our submissions, but agreed with Mr. Chris Heron that it was also an information transfer. HW also stated that Tyhee would be meeting with other groups the same week to provide the same information so all groups are aware of Tyhee's plans.

There was then a round table series of introductions.

CH laid out a brief summary of what the Métis would like to see:

1. Want to see applicant before application.
2. Want to see application and pass their judgment before it goes to the MVLWB.
3. Want to look for opportunities in project.
4. They do not use the word IBA because of its implications in land claim negotiations.
5. Recognize that there are different opportunities in projects of different size.
6. Can immediately offer such things as environmental monitors?
7. They want to see sound A&R plans as it is the Métis who have to live with project after the developer is gone.

HW stated that the project was in a stage where opportunities for any group, be it the NWTMN or other aboriginal groups to discuss benefits. Environmental monitoring

as required by the current water licence is done by site personnel, however; HW stated that the YGP, once in operation would have two or three environmental positions, one of which could be titled an “environmental monitor”.

Hugh Wilson (HW) began a power point presentation that would focus on the following:

1. Information on Water Licence Renewal Application for the existing advanced Exploration activities at the YGP
2. Update on the MVEIRB process related to the Yellowknife Gold Project (YGP)
3. Update and information on land use permits and exploration activities outside the Ormsby/Nicholas Lake area

CH – After the presentation, CH asked why all has increased (mine, mill, and fuel) and manpower had decreased. HW stated that these changes were a result of additional drilling at Ormsby, a significant engineering study effort and some preliminary project planning from when the first PDR was submitted in March 2005.

Tim Heron (TH) asked how Tyhee would control ammonia discharges from the open pit? HW responded that all discharges from the operation would be designed to meet the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER) as had been stated in the March 2005 submission and will be re-stated again in the revised submission.

CH asked if at present Tyhee is monitoring outside the airstrip on the old tailings. HW explained that the only monitoring by Tyhee was on the airstrip and current access route to the airstrip. The amendment to Tyhee’s land use permit asked for some geotechnical work to be done that included 10 thermistors and piezometers on the airstrip and access route. The results of this work were submitted in an “annual geotechnical report” to the MVLWB who in turn distribute it for comments. Tyhee would respond to any concerns relayed to it by the MVLWB. HW stated that the area of the tailings cap, outside the actual airstrip alignment and the access route remained the responsibility of INAC-CARD and that monitoring cap remained with INAC-CARD, however; HW did comment that discussions with INAC-CARD could be expected on the longer term use of the airstrip as the project moves forward.

CH asked if there would be water containment in Winter Lake? HW stated that Winter Lake is still the designated tailings containment area and will be presented as such in the revised PDR. The only difference between what was submitted in March 2005 and the planned revision submission is that the area in Winter Lake designated as a polishing pond will now be pumped out to ensure minimal water inflows to the planned open pit. Winter Lake (south basin) will contain tailings from the project and any discharges from the pond remain to be Narrow Lake.

In relation to the presentation on the other applications (Big Sky) the following questions were asked.

CH asked how do you get year round access for the drilling? HW said that in winter the access is by helicopter and skidoo and in summer by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft.. All drill moves related to the BIG SKY land use permit application will be by helicopter.

TH asked if there was presently a berm around the tank farm at Ormsby? HW stated that there is no formal tank farm, all fuel containers at Ormsby are double walled enviro-tanks and there have been no issues related to this identified by the land use inspector.

CH asked what areas were covered by the water and air monitoring at YGP? HW showed them the water quality station map and air sampling locations and discussed parameters. KW stated that all monitoring criteria was done as outlined in various government standards, past environmental assessments in the area, and discussions with first nations. In addition the study design was discussed with the YDFN and the NSMA before the studies were done.

CH said that the Métis want any developer to be the invisible visitor and leave no trace of their presence after they leave.

HW said that each project must be scoped for what it is and that expectations should be based on this as well.

CH said that industry should also look through aboriginal eyes to obtain the balance.

CH suggested that the NSMA did not have a land base or a land claim and should not be consulted during the process.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Memo to file
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FROM: Hugh R. Wilson
DATE: December 6, 2007
RE: Meeting Notes – YKDFN – December 5, 2007

Notes from the Luncheon Meeting with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and Tyhee NWT Corp at the Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife at 11:30- 13:30PM on December 5, 2007

Attendees

Chief Edward Sangris
Chief Fred Sangris
John Carter, CEO, YKDFN
Roy Erasmus Jr. CEO Denton Cho Corp.
Vince Halushka, Denton Cho Project Manager
Phil Moon Son, Lands Director

Roger Sylvestre, Executive Vice President, Tyhee Development Corp
Hugh R. Wilson, Vice President, Environment and Community Affairs, Tyhee NWT Corp
Darryl Bohnet, Community Relations Advisor to Tyhee NWT Corp

1. Opening Prayer by Chief Fred Sangris at 11:40
2. Introductions
3. Opening Comments by Chief Edward Sangris. Chief Edward advised the group of new Band Council and new CEO. Referred to last meeting during the MVEIRB scoping sessions and the need for answers to their questions on waste stock pile and the handling of different rock types. Chief Edward was interested in forming a good relationship with Tyhee that reflected a balance between Environmental Protection and Economic Benefits to the Band.
4. Opening comments by Chief Fred Sangris. Referred to the recent Akaitcho Land Withdrawal and the Bands concern of protecting the environment, wildlife and burial sites. Wants resource developers to “give something back” in the way of employment and business opportunities. Advised that the YKDFN was the fastest growing Band with a current membership of 1279 members.
5. Roy Erasmus Jr. described Denton Cho’s structure and some of the group’s business initiatives. Denton Cho’s primary business is Ekati Services providing

housekeeping and camp catering services to two of the diamond mines. He indicated that Denton Cho was a partner in ore haulage through their company Te K'e Whi; they also provide underground supplies such as grout, drilling supplies, construction material and work on winter road construction with RTL and Nuna. They can also provide security services.

6. Vince Halushka indicated an interest in proposed mill capacity, ore haulage through Te K'e Whi and providing mining consumables such as drill steel.
7. Roger Sylvestre advised that the Yellowknife Gold Project was still in the Advanced Exploration Stage. A revised Resource Model is expected in the spring of 2008 that would include the Nicholas Lake deposit. On the exploration side, outside the YGP area, he indicated that Tyhee would be using three rigs at Big Sky this winter. Big Sky is an exploration target west of Bluefish Hydro.
8. Chief Edward Sangris asked about fuel consumption and fuel needs.
9. Roger Sylvestre responded that they had 10 – 90,000 litre envirotanks on site, and there is currently about 200,000 litres stored there. It is expected that about 100,000 litres might be brought to site over the 2008 winter road season.
10. Hugh Wilson updated the group on three activities that the YKDFN land and Environment Director would be seeing in the coming months; one was the renewal application for Tyhee's current water license for advanced exploration activities. The current license at the YGP expires in October 2008. A renewal application will be filed early in 2008. Mr. Wilson stated that activities at the site will remain the same as what was covered by the existing license and that Tyhee expected that the new license renewal application could be reviewed and a new license issued by the MVLWB in a timely manner. On the MVEIRB review of the YGP application submitted in March 2005 and the issued terms of reference for the DAR received from the MVEIRB in August 2005, since that time, additional exploration and engineering studies have concluded that the extraction method for the YGP will now be from an open pit. As such, Tyhee will be revising the project description and submitting a new application in the New Year. Tyhee expects that the MVEIRB will hold scoping sessions to develop new terms of reference for the YGP Developers Assessment Report (DAR) and that the YKDFN would have input to this process and looked forward to the YKDFN's involvement throughout this process. Mr. Wilson also provided an update on the exploration activities outside the YGP/Nicholas Lake area. Land Use Permits are in place for exploration activities at Goodwin Lake, Clan Lake and Big Sky. Mr. Wilson mentioned that Tyhee would be applying for a new permit for Big Sky to tidy up some administrative ends, these being allowing Tyhee to undertake exploration activities at Big Sky year round, have a camp. This application will be submitted to the MVLWB shortly. Mr. Wilson asked for timely support from the YKDFN during these application and permitting processes.
11. Chief Edward Sangris indicated that the YKDFN was the primary aboriginal group and that they wanted to see a parallel process of permits and economic benefits. He indicated that the change from underground to open pit opened up many new questions such as how big is the open pit? Where does the tailing go? How is the grey water handled?

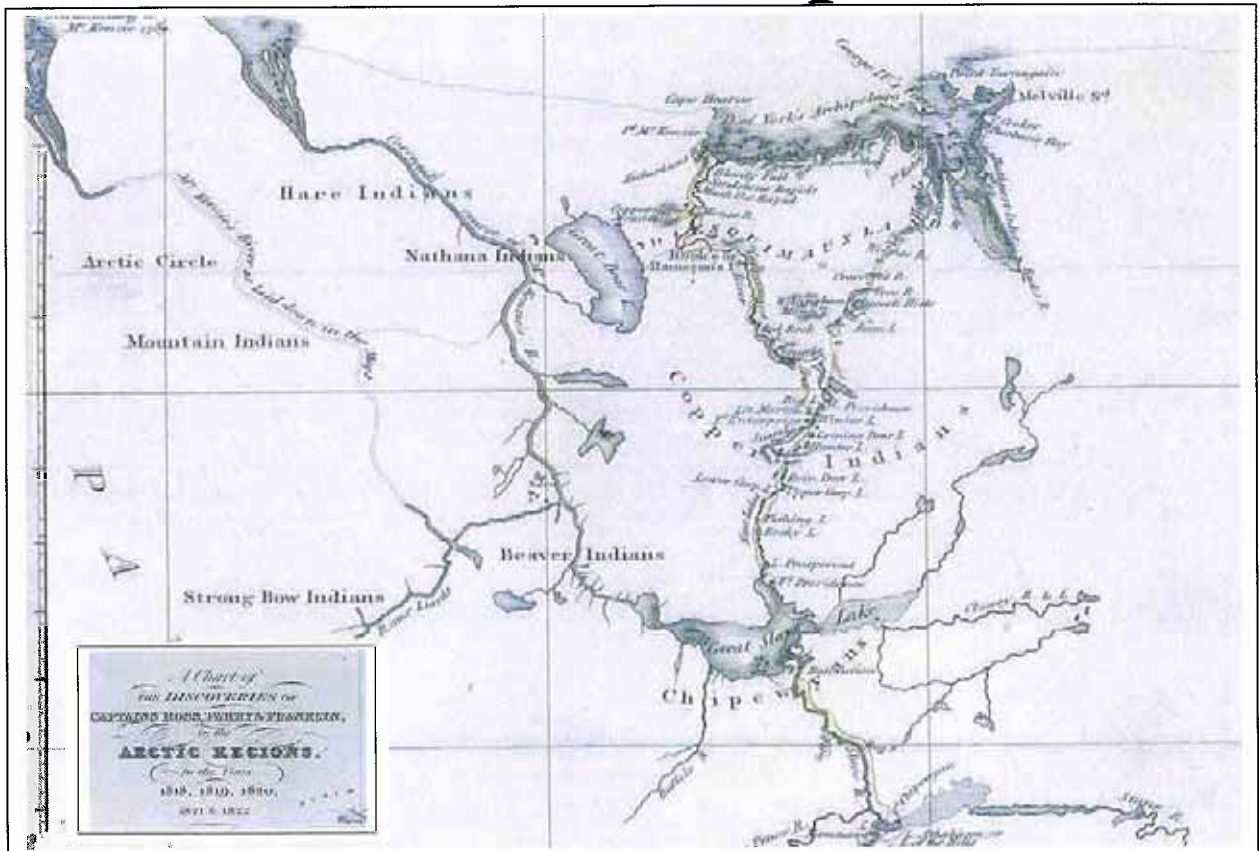
12. As mentioned earlier, Mr. Wilson advised the group that the environmental scoping sessions with the MVEIRB would be the forum to address most of these questions.
13. John Carter referred to a government paper that was entitled "A Hand up Rather Than a Hand Out". He would like to see longer term economic benefit from resource development. He wants mining to develop and grow aboriginal employees into management.
14. Roger Sylvestre referred to his experience with a diamond drillers program in BC, however; it no longer exists but suggested that this might be something the YKDFN might want to look at for their area.
15. Vince Halushka indicated that the YKDFN had expressed an interest in developing a JV Diamond Drilling company with ATCO.
16. Roger Sylvestre advised contacts in Calgary.
17. Chief Edward Sangris asked who was doing the environmental work?
18. Hugh Wilson indicated that EBA worked on the base line and operationally the geologist was responsible for the day to day water license surveillance network monitoring. Once the YGP becomes an operating mine, current manpower requirements include two environmental staff. Related to the baseline work, Mr. Wilson advised of an excellent experience with working with Noel Doctor, a YKDFN member, who helped with the fisheries and archaeology areas.
19. Chief Edward Sangris advised of a 1991 Land Use and Traditional Knowledge Study undertaken by the YKDFN.
20. Chief Fred Sangris provided additional information on the study. He was interested in the foot print of the Project. Vince stated that the footprint at the YGP would be quite small compared to the diamond mines. Hugh Wilson agreed.
21. Hugh Wilson mentioned that the YGP was much smaller than the existing diamond mines and stressed that the YGP had to be scoped with this in mind and emphasized that he would be making this comment to the MVEIRB when the scoping sessions are held. Also, because the YGP is smaller, both in footprint and operational size, expectations by all parties have to take the scope and size of the YGP into account.
22. Chief Edward Sangris asked about the major backers of the Project?
23. Roger Sylvester informed them that the shareholders were the only backers of the Project. Of the approximate 140 million shares currently outstanding (trading at about \$0.60/share today); 50% was owned by investment houses, 25 % by individual shareholders and the remainder being held by senior management.
24. Vince Halushka reemphasized mining consumables and that they can help. They mentioned the JV with the Hay River Reserve, which adds capacity and an element of cost competitiveness.
25. Roger Sylvestre informed the YKDFN that a decision to contract out work that the YKDFN companies might want to bid on has not been made yet. Hugh Wilson stated that at the current level of activity, Tyhee has to date been sourcing and doing most of the work internally. Roger Sylvestre mentioned that he would talk to the site people and pass on the capabilities of the YKDFN to them, which were going to be provided to Tyhee by Vince.

26. Closing Comments by both Chiefs and Hugh Wilson indicated that this was a useful and informative first meeting and everyone needs to maintain communications to further develop a relationship of working together

The meeting concluded at 13:30

North Slave Métis Alliance

Land Use Report



For The

Yellowknife Gold Project

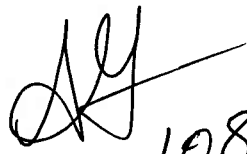
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This report represents a very limited effort, and must not be taken as an exhaustive or comprehensive study.

The archival review was severely hampered by the ongoing lack of capacity of the NSMA to address the backlog of incomplete document filing, unprocessed video and audio interviews, paper maps not entered to GIS, and scarcity of useful, accurate, and readily available public documentation of Métis history and land use.

If the scope, scale or any material details of the proposed project changes in any way, NSMA will expect additional resources to be devoted to collecting and processing additional information. In particular, the archaeological and heritage assessment should be revised by a researcher familiar with Métis cultural artifacts, with the assistance of at least one Métis field assistant.

The information contained in this report remains the property of the NSMA, and shall not be used for any other purpose besides the DAR of the currently proposed (March 18, 2005) Yellowknife Gold Project, without prior express written permission of the NSMA.


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Introduction:

Purpose of report

As part of the environmental assessment process, Tyhee must produce a Developers Assessment Report (DAR) which describes baseline environmental conditions and provides details on the potential effects of the development. Traditional knowledge is to be used wherever relevant.

Section 4.2 C of the DAR is to contain a description of the existing environment, including a description of the past and current human use and occupancy. This report is intended to provide Tyhee, and the MVEIRB, with information regarding the historic and current use and occupancy of the area by NSMA members, to identify areas holding special cultural or heritage value, and to collect available traditional knowledge.

Development of Report

NSMA and Tyhee agreed to the collection of this Traditional Land Use information based on the relatively small scale of the Yellowknife Gold Project, as described during the scoping sessions of April 2005.

The information in this report is based only on a very small collection of readily available information including:

- Discussions which occurred during the August 12, 2005 site visit. (Tyhee hosted five NSMA members and two staff for a site tour.)
- Four days effort to conduct an archival review and prepare a contextual presentation.
- Discussions which occurred during the September 30th, 2006 meeting at the NSMA office. (Eight NSMA members and two staff, and three Tyhee representatives.)
- NSMA archive of Traditional Land Use Mapping.
- Three days were allocated to writing up the draft, and then finalizing the report.

Background information

Who are the North Slave Métis?

North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) members are direct descendants of the founding fathers of the indigenous North Slave Métis community which occupied, used and managed this region and its resources prior to the establishment of effective control by Canada.

Currently¹, as a condition of membership, all NSMA members must trace their lineage in the Great Slave region back to the time of the signing of Treaty 11 at Fort Rae in 1921. At that time, there were estimated to be roughly ninety Métis families² comprising the North Slave Métis community³. Treaty Commissioner Conroy anticipated that seventy-five or so of those Métis families, which he considered

¹ The actual date of “implementation of effective control” has yet to be established.

² It is unknown whether he counted these Metis in with the estimated 800 Indians.

³ Treaty Research Report, Treaty Eleven (1921) INAC 1986. QS-3440-000-EE-A1

to be living the “Indian way of life”, could be convinced to take Treaty. The other approximately fifteen “old and respected families in that country” were expected to insist on Métis scrip.⁴

Some of those “old and respected” Métis families had already been residing in the area for seven generations or more before Treaty 11 was signed. Métis oral tradition suggests that early Coureurs de Bois have been in the Great Slave Lake area since the 1690's^{5, 6}. At first, they participated in the long distance “Indian trade” between Fort Churchill (est.1688) and the Mackenzie Basin, although much later, the fur trade shifted to an overland route from the Athabasca area. It is also traditional knowledge, and very likely, that a number of French-Métis came to this region as a result of the 1755-1760 French and Indian War.

Because the history of Métis in this region is not well documented, it is fortunate that there are at least a few well known individuals whose lives were recorded in the journals of famous explorers and missionaries. According to Father Emille Petitot, “*The very presence in this subarctic region (Great Slave Lake) of very elderly French-Métis, native to this land, such as Beaulieu, Poitras, his brother-in-law Cayen, Le Camarade, Lafleur, de Charlois, the Tourangeau brothers and others*” proved that “*these soldiers without fortune, obscure coureurs de bois, men without letters or goals, who never once cared to claim the honour and glory of having discovered this remote and inhospitable land, ... became its first inhabitants*”.⁷ “*These mixed-blood ... nomads (were) the descendants of French and French-Canadian voyageurs and coureurs de bois who preceded the Hearnies, Frobishers and Mackenzies (sic) in these lands, and afterwards became the first servants of the Northwest (sic) Company.*”⁸

We do know that Francois Beaulieu (the first) was a French trader in the service of the *Compagnie des Sioux*, who lived in the Great Slave Lake area during the 1700's. He married a Chipewyan woman and had a son, at Salt River, in 1771⁹, whom he also named Francois Beaulieu. This son, Francois Beaulieu II, known in his later years as “Le Patriarche” and “Old Man”, is one of the most well documented and influential individuals in the history of this region¹⁰. According to Father Emille Petitot, “*He (Francois Beaulieu II) was one of the oldest witnesses of the events that have taken place in the North... (and) saw the arrival in 1780 of the first explorer of Great Slave Lake, Peter Pond; then, in 1789, of Sir Alexander Mackenzie.*”¹¹

We also know that Jacques Beaulieu, brother of Francois (I), and uncle of Francois (II), had been around long enough to learn both local Dene languages, earn the trust of both the Dogribs and Chipewyans, and become appointed as spokesman for both groups in 1786, before the first “white men¹²” arrived. This

⁴ Treaty Research Report, Treaty Eleven (1921) INAC 1986. QS-3440-000-EE-A1

⁵ <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/dgarneau/metis19a.htm>

⁶ <http://www.cyber-north.com/canada/history.html> Henry Kelsey explored the territory around northern Saskatchewan in 1690.

⁷ Petitot (1891:78) Autour du Grand Lac des Esclaves. Nouvelle Librairie Parisienne, Paris.

⁸ Petitot (1887) En route pour la mer galciale, Letouszey et ane, Paris, p.267, 288.

⁹ about the same time as Samuel Hearne was passing through the area on his way home after “discovering” the Coppermine River

¹⁰ Francois Beaulieu II: The Origins of the Metis in the Far Northwest. Hanks, Chris., in Selected Papers of Rupert's Land Colloquium. May 24-28, 2000, Vancouver, Washington.

¹¹ Petitot, E. (1891:78) Autours du grand lace des Esclaves. Nouvelle Librairie Parisienne, Paris.

¹² At that time, clearly,, Métis were recognized as distinctly not “white men”.

was a remarkable accomplishment, given that the Dogribs and Yellowknives were at war at the time. Jacques also served as interpreter to Sir Alexander Mackenzie.¹³

In 1786, Peter Pond of the North West Company, had Laurent Leroux and his many Métis employees (almost 100 of them)¹⁴, build (Old) Fort Providence (which operated intermittently until 1823¹⁵) at the mouth of the Yellowknife River to trade with the Yellowknives (Chipewyan), and another Fort at Lac La Martre to trade with the Dogribs.¹⁶ However, (Old) Fort Providence may not have been the first fort constructed. The journals of Philip Turnor¹⁷, and the map produced by Aaron Arrowsmith¹⁸ both indicate that there were “Canadian Settlements” (the word “Canadian” in those days referred to the French-Métis) on Great Slave Lake prior to the 1790’s. Alexander Mackenzie, in his 1789 journal, mentions the remains of the old fort on Old Fort Island and Mountain Island (Old Fort Rae, also known as Nishu-ku in Dogrib).

In 1793, Francois Beaulieu II accompanied Alexander Mackenzie on his overland trip to the Pacific, and was living on Great Bear Lake in 1799 when the North West Company arrived there to build a fort. He was hired as their professional hunter. In 1819 he provided Sir John Franklin with a map and advised him to take the Great Bear Lake route to the mouth of the Coppermine River¹⁹. Franklin did not follow his advice, but rather took the Yellowknife River route. However, on his next trip to the Coppermine River, five years later, Franklin did follow Francois Beaulieu II’s advice and traveled the Great Bear route, with much greater success. Beaulieu II was seconded from his employment under Chief Factor James Keith at Fort Chipewyan to work as interpreter and expeditor for this trip, and was paid at more than twice the maximum HBC pay rate²⁰.

The Beaulieu family, along with several other Métis families, such as Bouvier, Mandeville, Lafferty, Mercredi, Erasmus, Cadien (Cayen), LeMouel, Berens, Laviolette, Fabien, Blondin, St. Cyre, Laferte (Lafferty), and St. Germain, to name a few, were active in the fur trade, and establishment of permanent residences and trading posts all around the Great Slave Lake area. Some attained positions of power within the Hudson’s Bay Company (HBC), while others asserted their rights to continue free-trading throughout the HBC monopoly.

¹³ 5. Petitot, E. (1891:78) *Autours du grand lacs des Esclaves*. Nouvelle Librairie Parisienne, Paris.

¹⁴ The “Journal of Athabasca, 1786”, which is catalogued in the NWC papers at the Hudson’s Bay Company Archives (HBCA F. 2/1) and covers a period from April 1 to May 31, 1786, list the names of 100 NWC employees (mostly Metis) and their debts. In addition, the author of the journal entries for Great Slave record records that 12 men were hired to serve in this region.

¹⁵ Perry D. and D. Clark (1971). *Fort Providence, NWT*. The Musk-ox 8:1-13.

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¹⁸ Arrowsmith, A. (1795) *A Map Exhibiting all the New Discoveries in the Interior Parts of North America...*, indicating additions to 1802. HBCA G. 3/672, Sec. 2(N6493).

¹⁹ Masson, L. R. (ed) 1960. *Les Bourgeois de la Compagnie du Nord-Ouest: Recits de voyages, lettres, et rapports, inedits relatifs au Nord-Oust Canadien – volume 1*. Antiquarian Press Ltd. New York.

²⁰ Hanks, 2000. *Francois Beaulieu II: The Origins of the Metis of the Far Northwest in the Selected Papers of Rupert’s Land Colloquium 2000*. May 24-28, Vancouver, Washington.

The area between the North Arm of Great Slave Lake and the Yellowknife River was not heavily used by either Dene group (perhaps because they did not get along) and became the core of the homeland of the North Slave Métis community. The Métis families at Old Fort Rae far outnumbered Dogrib families who “were more transient, and not part of the stable Métis population at Old Fort Rae.”²¹ Indeed, even as recently as 1921, Treaty Commissioner Conroy noted that the 800 Indians associated with Fort Rae hunt and trap for hundreds of miles in all directions, and only come to the fort in spring to trade furs²².

By the 1820’s (if not sooner) outsiders recognized the northern Métis society as distinct²³. Nevertheless, the Métis were well accepted, and trusted by the Dene. Métis fulfilled the roles of negotiators, expeditors, suppliers, translators, and managers, and were considered by many to be the law in the land. According to Petitot, the Dene nickname for the (French) Métis, “Banlay”, can be roughly translated as “he to whom the land belongs”.²⁴ Both Beaulieu II, and Camarade de Mandeville were recognized as Chipewyan Trading Chiefs, as was Beaulieu’s son Pierre after him²⁵. Another of Francois’ sons, Jaques (Nade’) Beaulieu was chief of the Dogribs in 1864.

Treaty Commissioner Conroy estimated that there were 75 Métis families who could be convinced to take Treaty, while another 15 old, respected and even historic Métis families would likely expect Métis scrip²⁶. It appears that three of the seven “chiefs” or “councilors” who “took treaty” along with Chief Monfwi (Morphy) at Rae on the 22 of August 1921, were Métis, including Josue Beaulieu of Lac la Martre, Old Man Germain of the Detchilaotte, Barren Land or Snare Lake Band²⁷, and Suzie the Old Prophet, from Yellowknife. Germain and Beaulieu each signed the treaty with an “x”, indicating they could not write. There were only three people at Rae who could speak English during the treaty negotiations: Michel Bouvier, Louis Lafferty and Vital Thomas. All three were likely Métis, although the source of this information only mentioned Louis specifically as being Métis.

The area identified by Chief Monfwi for Treaty 11 started at Fort Providence (the new Fort Providence, located in it’s present location on the Mackenzie River), went up to Great Bear Lake, across to Contwoyto Lake, to Aylmer River, Snowdrift, and followed Great Slave Lake back to Fort Providence. Chief Monfwi (signed as Morphy) insisted that the Treaty conditions include a guarantee that nothing would be allowed to interfere with their hunting, trapping and fishing; that the old and destitute would be cared for, and that they would be protected from “white” competition. The Dene and Métis who signed Treaty 11 were assured, in verbal promises from Commissioner Conroy, accompanied by the encouragement of Father Breynat who gave his word of honor that these promises would be kept, and witnessed by many others, that they would continue to live their lives as formerly, without interference, as long as the grass grows and the rivers flow. The treaty was understood as a peace and friendship commitment, with payments and gifts symbolizing the helpfulness promised by the Crown. There was never any informed or willing consent by the Métis community to surrender their lands, rights or independence.

²¹ Brenda Kolson (1997). Old Fort Rae... Report on file with the Metis Heritage Association.

²² DIAND Report of the Commissioner for Treaty 11. http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/trts/trty11_e.html

²³ Abel 1993, in Hanks, 2000.

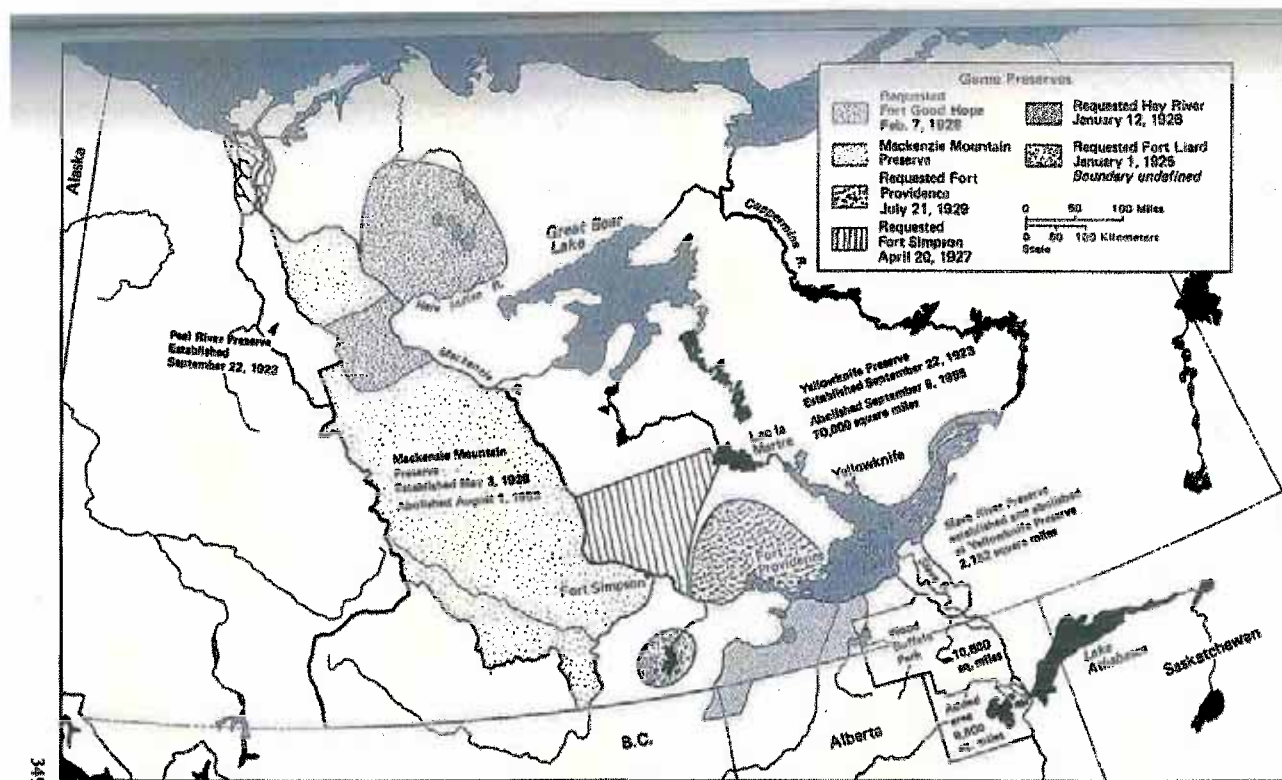
²⁴ Petitot, E. (1891:78) Autours du grand lacs des Esclaves. Nouvelle Librairie Parisienne, Paris.

²⁵ Hanks, 2000. Francois Beaulieu II: The Origins of the Metis of the Far Northwest in the Selected Papers of Rupert’s Land Colloquium 2000. May 24-28, Vancouver, Washington.

²⁶ H. A. Conroy, memorandum, 18 December 1920, PAC, RG 10, vol. 4042, file 336,877.

²⁷ Fumealeau, 1944. As Long as This Land Shall Last.

In 1922, in an apparent attempt to live up to treaty commitments, a 70,000 square mile game preserve was established in the North Slave area for the exclusive harvesting of Treaty Dene and Métis. The Métis who had taken script instead continued to use the area simply by taking family members with them who “were treaty”. The map below is copied from page 349 of Rene Fumeleau’s 1944 book, “As Long as This Land Shall Last”. This area is formally described in the 1949 version of the Wildlife Act.



Despite the fact that the terms of Treaty 11 were broken by the Crown almost immediately after signing, the North Slave Métis People’s aboriginal and treaty rights continue to exist and are now protected by section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. The North Slave Métis have, unfortunately, had to struggle against incredible odds to preserve their culture, protect their environment, and defend their rights in the face of an insensitive (and in some cases blatantly hostile) administration, an onslaught of immigrant trappers and prospectors and waves of epidemics.

What is the North Slave Métis Alliance?

The North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA) was registered as a non-profit society on November 22, 1996. The constitution, bylaws, and mandate of the organization reflect its purpose, which is to:

- Unite the indigenous Métis of the North Slave
- Promote pride in Métis culture and heritage
- Exercise Métis responsibility to protect the environment
- Promote and enhance Métis education, economic, social and cultural development
- Promote recognition and entrenchment of Métis Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
- Negotiate, ratify, and implement a comprehensive self-government agreement.

Since the NSMA has taken over where previous organizations have left off, it may be helpful to know the basic historic development of the land claims process in the NWT.

Political activity by the Métis between the Treaty of 1921 and the 1960's was pretty quiet. Métis were not allowed to vote or serve on a jury, and it was illegal to hire a lawyer to pursue any land claim. The knowledge that Louis Riel had been hanged for treason, and the fact that residential school authorities had custody and control of their children, created a strong incentive for the Métis to keep quiet.

Soon after the discriminatory laws were changed, the Métis organized into a number of Métis Locals. The locals were in turn represented regionally by the Métis Nation of the Northwest Territories (MNNWT²⁸), established in 1972. The MNNWT and the Indian Brotherhood of the Northwest Territories (IBNWT), representing the various Dene groups, presented a single joint land claim on behalf of all native people of the Mackenzie Valley²⁹ in 1974. An Agreement in Principle was prepared in 1986 which involved \$350 Million, and 70,000 square miles of land. About 25,000 square miles were withdrawn from disposition in the North Slave region to protect the land from development pressures pending the finalization of the claim. The Final Dene/Metis Comprehensive Claim was initiated in 1990 and scheduled for a ratification vote. However, prior to ratification, there was a disagreement between the northern and southern regions on the issue of "extinguishment". The southern groups refused to accept extinguishment of their aboriginal rights. The northern Peoples (Sahtu, Gwich'in) withdrew their negotiating mandate and asked for a regional process.

On November 7, 1991, Canada announced that it would negotiate regional claims based on the failed Dene/Métis Comprehensive Claim Agreement for five regions, specifically the Mackenzie Delta, Sahtu, North Slave, Deh Cho, and South Slave. The Dene Nation (successor of the Indian Brotherhood) and the MNNWT, having lost their mandates, have been replaced by organizations with mandates for the five regions specified by Canada. In the North Slave Region, that organization is the NSMA. The NSMA membership is made up of the indigenous Métis members of local Métis organizations, including the Yellowknife Metis Nation (Local #66), the Yellowknife Métis Council (Local #55), and the Rae-Edzo Métis Local (#64). Any Métis living in the North Slave region, including those who are "non-indigenous" or those who might also be "registered" as "Indians", may belong to one of these Métis locals. However, membership in NSMA is restricted to those who can document their membership in the indigenous Métis community occupying the North Slave region and who certify that they are not enrolled in another land claim process.

The Mackenzie Delta regional claim was settled with the Gwich'in Land Claims Settlement Act, of 1992. The Sahtu regional claim was settled with the Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claims Settlement Act of 1994, and the Dene (Dogrib, or Tlicho) portion of the North Slave regional claim was settled with the Tlicho Land Claims and Self Government Act of 2005. The Yellowknives Dene have a framework agreement which combines their interests in the North Slave and South Slave regions. The South Slave Métis Tribal Council³⁰ has a framework agreement separate from the Yellowknives Dene. The Deh Cho First Nations (Dene and Métis) have a framework agreement and interim measures agreement. The

²⁸ Not to be confused with the new Northwest Territories Métis Nation (NWTMN), which was previously known as the South Slave Metis Tribal Council (SSMTC).

²⁹ The Indian Brotherhood was renamed "Dene Nation in 1978.

³⁰ Consisting of the Métis Locals from Fort Smith (#50), Hay River (#51), and Fort Resolution (#53).

North Slave Métis Alliance³¹ submitted a formal claim on January 19, 1998, but remains the only aboriginal claimants resident in the NWT without any formal claims process.

According to Métis culture, and as defined in the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), the “environment”, includes the relationships and interactions between the Métis and their environment, including cultural and economic relationships and interactions. Although Métis organizations are “First Nations” in the NWT, according to the MVRMA, the political and legal environment for the North Slave Métis is significantly different from other First Nations and non-aboriginal groups, as is their history, culture and some land use practices.

Métis Land Use – Then and Now

Historical Métis Land Use in the Yellowknife River Drainage

As mentioned earlier, Fort Providence (now a historic site called Old Fort Providence) was built in the fall of 1786 on the east shore of Yellowknife Bay, near the mouth of the Yellowknife River, by the French Canadian fur trader, Laurent Leroux. The post-on-sill buildings housed up to 20 men, women and children, although there are records of about a hundred Métis employees. Laurent Leroux and his wife (an Ojibwa) raised their four Métis children there. The fort became the main supplier of meat for the northern fur trade because of its access to vast numbers of wintering caribou³². Alexander Mackenzie used Fort Providence as a provisioning post on his way up the Mackenzie River, in 1789³³, as did Sir John Franklin on his 1820 expedition up the Yellowknife River to the Coppermine River.

Sixteen Canadien (meaning French Métis) Voyageurs, with three women and three children, two interpreters, and one Iroquois Métis accompanied Sir John Franklin, John Rae, and Black through what was then considered “unexplored territory” from Old Fort Providence (now Yellowknife) up the Yellowknife River, passing through Prosperous Lake, Rocky Lake, Fishing Lake, Lower Carp Lake, Upper Carp Lake, Rein Deer Lake, Hunter Lake, Grizzle Bear Lake, Snare River, and to the rapids between Winter lake and Snare lake where they built Fort Enterprise in August, 1820. There were few provisions supplied from (old) Fort Providence at that time, probably due to decreased trading caused by epidemics among the resident populations. The Métis, presumably due to their mixed blood, survived the diseases better and were able to take on the challenge of the trip when the Yellowknives declined (although Francois Beaulieu II did suggest a better route). On the return trip the expedition ran into serious trouble (expected food caches were empty) and several of the Voyageurs perished (Credit, Vaillant, Pelletier, Samandre, and possibly others) either by starvation or murder. We know that Jean Baptiste Adam, Pierre St. Germain, Solomon Belanger, Louis Cayen and Baptiste le Camarade de Mandeville survived and continued living in the North Slave area, and three Voyagers went south. We also know the Iroquois Métis, Michel Te'ra'hante was executed on suspicion of murder and cannibalism. We aren't yet sure what became of the rest.³⁴

³¹ Consisting of the Metis Locals from Yellowknife (#55, now known as Yellowknife Métis Council, and #66, the Yellowknife Métis Nation) and Rae-Edzo (#64).

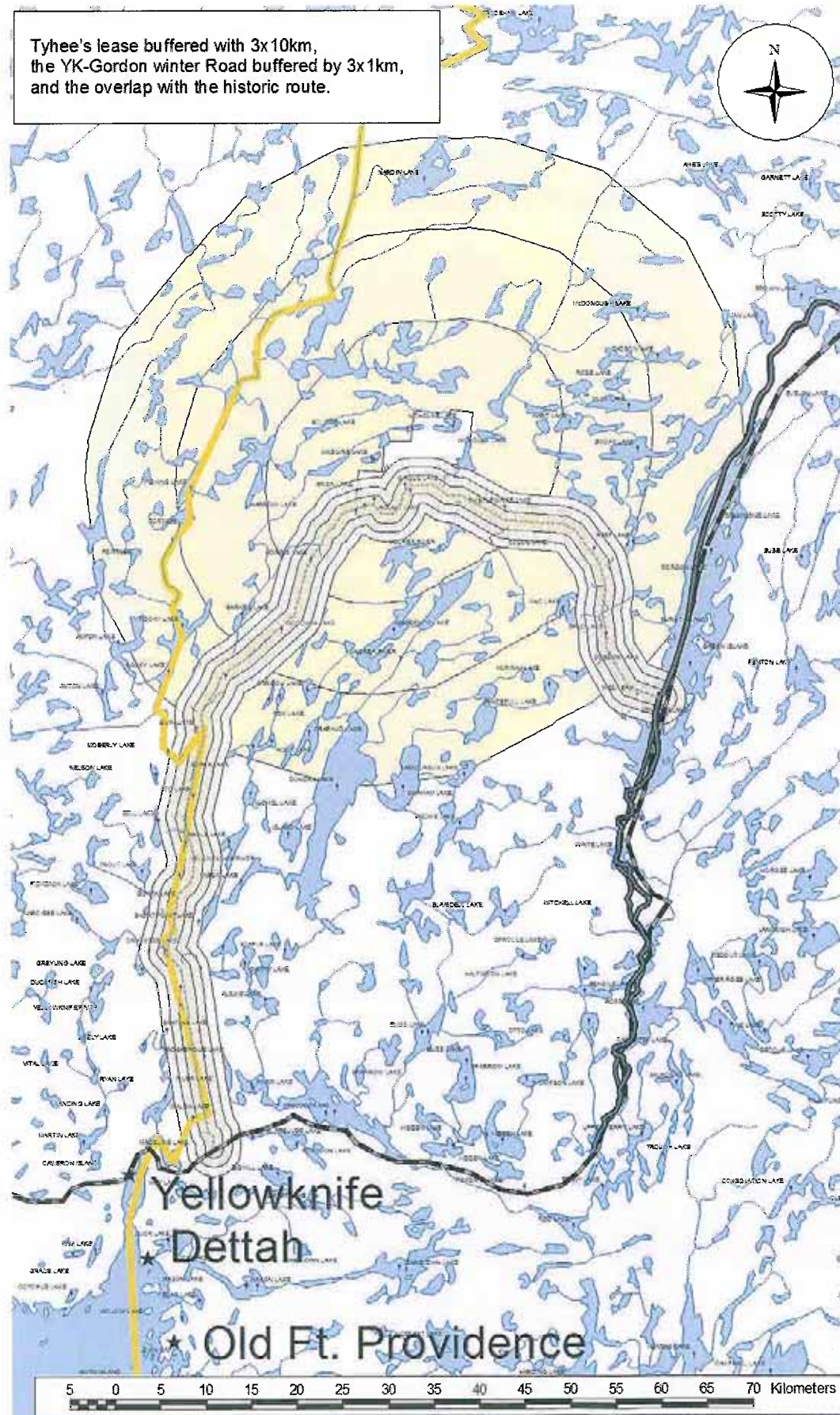
³² NSMA. 1999. Can't Live Without Work; North Slave Métis Alliance Environmental, Social, Economic, and Cultural Concerns. A companion to the Comprehensive Study Report on the Diavik Diamonds Project.

³³ <http://www.canadianencyclopedia.ca/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=A1SEC878197>

³⁴ <http://www.cronab.demon.co.uk/frank2.htm>



* Preliminary data - incomplete and accuracy unknown - ie: Franklin's 1825 trip not shown.



Fort Providence was closed, as a trading post, in 1823, after the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company amalgamated, but Métis continued to inhabit the area, as well as the new post. The Hudson Bay Company's preference for employing English speaking workers no doubt resulted in some economic and cultural impacts on the existing French-Metis communities, but the magnitude of these impacts have yet to be researched and described. The area was important for processing fish, making canoes, and picking berries in the summer. In the winter, the Yellowknife River was used as a transportation route to hunt caribou and trap.

The Métis were known for having very large families. Polygamy was common. Unlike their Dene cousins, the Métis frequently left their wives and many children "at home" (or homes) in relatively permanent settlements, while they worked the lands and waters as trappers, fishermen, boatmen, transporters, provisioners (professional hunters, fishers, and suppliers of wood), traders, interpreters, laborers and guides.

Rupert's Land and the Northwestern Territories were "purchased" by Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company in 1870³⁵ although the indigenous Peoples were not consulted and did not consent to any such purchase. It made little difference before the large influx of settlers and miners arrived.

In 1899 a staking rush began with the discovery of lead zinc ore at Pine Point, although little else was found, and Government Geologists felt there was little likelihood of rich deposits. In 1920, however, oil was discovered on the Mackenzie River, and Canada decided to make a Treaty with the Dene and the Métis living in the area north of Great Slave Lake³⁶. The Royal Proclamation of 1763³⁷ (as referenced in section 25 of the current Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms³⁸, and entrenched in the Canadian Constitution) required the Government to settle treaties with the local natives prior to opening any area for settlement or development. The Northwestern Territories and Ruperts Land were purportedly "ceded" by the indigenous inhabitants by Treaty 8 south of the Great Slave Lake in 1900 and Treaty 11, north of the lake, in 1921, although the indigenous Peoples, including the Métis, strongly contest Canada's claims. Treaties 8 and 11 were understood by the indigenous participants to be Peace and Friendship treaties which did not extinguish any land or aboriginal rights. In his ruling on the Paulette Case of 1973, Justice Morrow of the Supreme Court of the NWT, found that there was a reasonable possibility that Aboriginal Title to the lands covered by Treaty 8 and 11 still existed, and ordered a caveat registered against the title to the land under the Land Titles Act so that all land rights issued would be issued subject to Indian Claims.

At the Treaty negotiations, Old Man Germain represented the Detchilaotte, Barren Land or Snare Lake Band³⁹. Since the present-day community of Snare Lake, currently known as Wekweti, was not established until 1970, the Treaty participants must have been referring to the people living in the area of (Old) Fort Enterprise, built during Franklin's 1820 expeditions between Snare and Winter Lakes. Suzie the Old Prophet⁴⁰ represented the aboriginal people of Yellowknife. The settlement may have been the at the mouth of the Yellowknife River, Back Bay, Old Fort Providence, all of the above, or somewhere

³⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Northwest_Territories

³⁶ Treaty had already been made south of the lake in 1900, which excluded "half-breeds".

³⁷ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Proclamation_of_1763

³⁸ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Charter_of_Rights_and_Freedoms

³⁹ Fumelleau, 1944. As Long as This Land Shall Last.

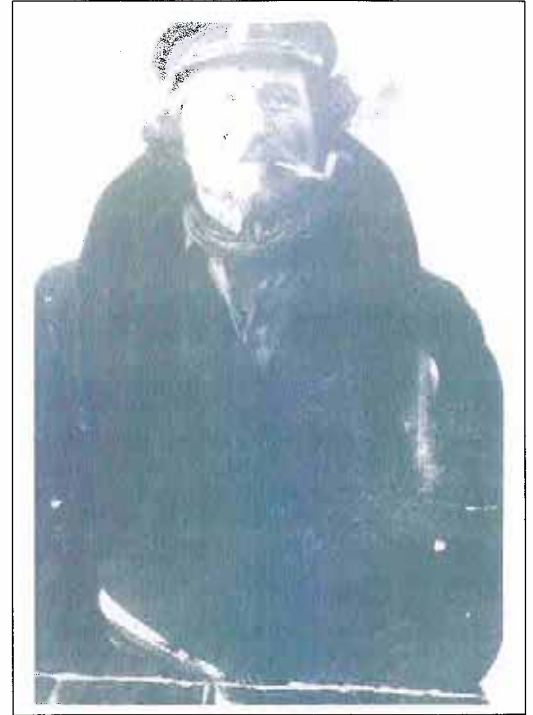
⁴⁰ More research is needed to determine how many "Suzies" there were, and "Joseph King Beaulieu's" during this time period, whether these photos are all the same man, and the relationship to the Chief of Yellowknife who signed Treaty 11.

else in the area of Yellowknife Bay. Most likely it was “all of the above” as there were numerous small settlements in the area at the time, and the whole area was referred to as the Yellowknife region, and included the Yellowknife River. Since Métis Chiefs were selected for both of these permanent settlements, we infer that the Yellowknife River drainage which joined them was well traveled Métis territory (as well as the Mackenzie River and the Coppermine River as mentioned in the photo captions below).



Guy Blanchette, Joseph King Beaulieu (Sousi)
Joseph and Blanchette used to sail with this schooner. Joseph was the Captain for about 5 years. They lived on Stoney Island in the bush. During the winter Joseph would bring fish to Resolution to sell. Guy was a surveyor.

Photo credit: Francois King Beaulieu



Joseph King Beaulieu (Sousi)

Joseph is the son of Joseph King Beaulieu and Marie Anne Flamand. He was born in 1859 and died in 1929. Joseph became better known as Sousi or Suzie. He guided Blanchette on a survey that took them to the Coppermine River which had not been previously known. In an article written by Guy Blanchette in the 'Beaver', he describes their journey and states that, "The blood of the Frenchman of the brigade had run thin through successive Indian mothers but it had preserved strong qualities of leadership, ambition, and a certain truculence." The Beaver, Fall issue, 1964

Photo credit: Francois King Beaulieu



Joseph King Beaulieu II

Here Joseph is packing a caribou at the age of 60. They tied the meat in the skin and packed it this way. He died about 1926 over 70 years old.

Photo credit: Francois King Beaulieu

In 1905, when Alberta and Saskatchewan were carved out of the NWT, the population dropped to 17,000, of which the 16,000 aboriginal inhabitants had no right to vote⁴¹. The government defaulted back to its 1870 constitutional status, and was ruled from Ottawa from 1905 to 1951. This unelected 2nd council passed laws restricting the harvest of game and fur, presumably, to protect the aboriginal and treaty rights to the harvest. However, the laws proved to be practically unenforceable. The excellent fur prices of the 1920's attracted many southern trappers and hunters. Also around this time the York Boats were replaced by steamers, the first planes, gas boats, trucks and tractors showed up in the North, and a railway was built to Fort McMurray. Not only were there too many trappers, but the trappers ran way too many traps and cleaned out the fur. They were also accused of raiding caches, trading dishonestly, and peddling home brew.

In 1923 a 70,000 square mile game preserve was set up around the Yellowknife River watershed, for treaty Dene and Métis only. The Métis who had taken scrip instead of Treaty, to preserve their right to hold jobs, managed to continue trapping in the preserve by taking Treaty relatives with them, such as their wives and children. An Indian Agent / Doctor named Dr. Clermont Bourget was assigned to the Great Slave Lake Indian Agency in 1923, and made one visit annually to the communities of Snowdrift, Yellowknife River and Fort Rae. The game preserve remained until 1955, but it was not enough to keep the white trappers off Métis traplines, or prevent the spread of disease. This was especially true since the police constables failed to enforce the Treaty, and instead spent their time serving white interests while mistreating the Métis.

“When there is wood to be cut, repairs to be made, or fishing to be done the constables in small settlements arrest half-breeds for alleged offences to do the work.” (RCMAFS, J.F.Moran confidential notes in Fumeleau, 2004)

Gold was discovered near Yellowknife in 1930, and in 1934 some Geologists heading down Yellowknife River found gold on Yellowknife Bay, which triggered another gold rush and the rapid growth of YK. New work in the Yellowknife area for the Métis included hauling people and freight, fishing and cutting wood. While taking advantage of employment and business opportunities, Métis continued to fish with nets in Yellowknife Bay, hunt ducks, rabbits, foxes and harvest berries from one of the best berry picking areas in region. There also was a mink ranch at Negus Kam point.

The Métis families tended to congregate at Duck Lake, Prosperous Lake, Burwash, and on the islands and shoreline of Yellowknife Bay, including school draw and willow flats. By 1940 the population of Yellowknife had grown to 1,000, and the Métis were outnumbered 20:1. The caribou stopped hanging around on Great Slave Lake. *“Before 1940 the caribou used to come down around Yellowknife, lots, and hang around out on the lake. When the mines were built they made a lot of smell, and noise, and all the skidoos, now the caribou don't come anymore. Now the caribou stay up around Gordon Lake, or go to Snare Lake or Lac la Martre”*⁴². During the 1940-50's there was also a booming, but unregulated, commercial fishery on Great Slave Lake. Predictably, the fish soon dwindled.

In 1951, the non-aboriginal population in the NWT became large enough to “get the vote”, but aboriginal people were not permitted to vote until 1960. The NWT government consisted of some

⁴¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Northwest_Territories_general_elections An area had to have 1000 residents in 1000 square miles to qualify for a council member, and 20 council members were required to establish a council.

⁴² NSMA. “Can't Live Without Work”.

appointed and some elected members. The NWT did not obtain a fully elected⁴³ government until 1975, although the Commissioner is still, to this day, appointed by the federal government. Therefore, the date on which Canada implemented “effective control” is still very much open to debate.

Métis involvement in the 1944-69 Discovery Mine included construction and freighting along the winter road, which also serviced mining camps on Johnstown Lake, Goodwin Lake, Morris Lake, Narrow Lake, Winter Lake, and Giaque Lake. La Salle Yellowknife Gold Mines Ltd. also operated at the north end of Narrow Lake in 1949-50. Viking mine is about 5 miles south along the winter road near Morris Lake. George Mandeville showed the location of a good winter road from Duncan Lake, through Wagenitz lake, which used to be a very wide cat train trail to Discovery mine. Grant Beck added that the old Discovery road, along Duncan, was good enough in 1968 for taxis to go back and forth from Yellowknife to the Discovery town site. There was a lot of trapping along the old Discovery winter road in late sixties early seventies, and also a lot of marten were trapped around Discovery in the thirties to sixties. Wayne Langenhan marked the map with the old route to Gordon Lake across Thistlewaite lake.

All the members who attended the September 30, 2006 meeting agreed that the Historic Discovery town site had a relatively permanent population, and felt like a community. The photos below, from DIAND's Phase II Remediation Completion Report of 2006, for the Discovery Mine, show the School House at the mine site, before and after it was burnt down in May 2005.



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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Northwest_Territories_general_elections



Nora mentioned that a lot of the people who worked at Discovery were from Fort Rae and Yellowknife, and that many of them have since died of cancer, including some family members who had been living at the mine site. A discussion followed where some expressed concern that there may be a cause and effect relationship between working at the mine and getting cancer. Ed Jones mentioned that his brother Ray was still healthy at age 70 after working up there in the kitchen. Wayne mentioned that Hans Vooroo was a cab driver who worked up at Discovery, and is thought to still be around. There was no consensus or firm opinions expressed regarding the possible linkage, and the conversation moved along.

John Dennison was an expert on that winter road, but is now dead. Hugh and Darcy Arden also worked there, as did Kurt Lanniger (from YK), Shorty Brown and Johnny Ess Soldat, who was raised by Darcy Arden Sr., and drove truck for Robinsons, hauling freight to Discovery. One time, Sonny Arden walked all the way from Great Bear Lake to Yellowknife looking for work, and was sent on up to Discovery, on foot again, to ask for a job, which he finally got. Vince McKafey, the Mad Driller, worked at Discovery for ten years, but died in Uranium City not too long ago. Tony Gregson was remembered for stealing a gold bar from Discovery. He got caught in Australia, spent 2.5 years in jail and is now dead. Andres Dupras was recommended as a person who has lots of good stories about Discovery. Alice Lafferty remembers washing dishes at the Wildcat Café for \$1 a day, back in 1944, while the men pursued employment or business with the mines.

In 1947 the Métis were ordered to move into Yellowknife from Duck Lake and other outlying areas and put their kids in school. By then the Yellowknife population was nearing 3,000 and Métis had to

compete for the waterfront property which was becoming scarce. When the Yellowknife Game Preserve was abolished in 1955, and the road construction to Fort Reliance began in 1960, the Métis were increasingly subjected to crowding on their harvesting grounds around Yellowknife, up the Yellowknife River, and along the Ingraham Trail. Even so, George Mandeville remembers that the trapping was good, and lucrative, from 1930's to 1980s. Compared to now, it was a much better way to make a living.

Current Métis Land Use in the Yellowknife River drainage

During the meeting, NSMA members all agreed that the entire area is generally used for travel, harvesting, and many other cultural purposes. It was noted that Métis land use patterns are not identical to their Dene cousins, as there has always been a strong commercial component to their activities on the land. Besides the standard aboriginal land use categories of trapping, hunting, fishing and gathering, both for subsistence and for trade, additional categories including transporting, expediting, guiding, interpreting, prospecting, trading, provisioning, construction and environmental management should be added. These traditional occupations were integral to and characterized North Slave Métis culture long before the establishment of effective control by the colonial government of Canada. Thus, the right to continue to practice these activities, in this region, is aboriginal rights protected under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution.

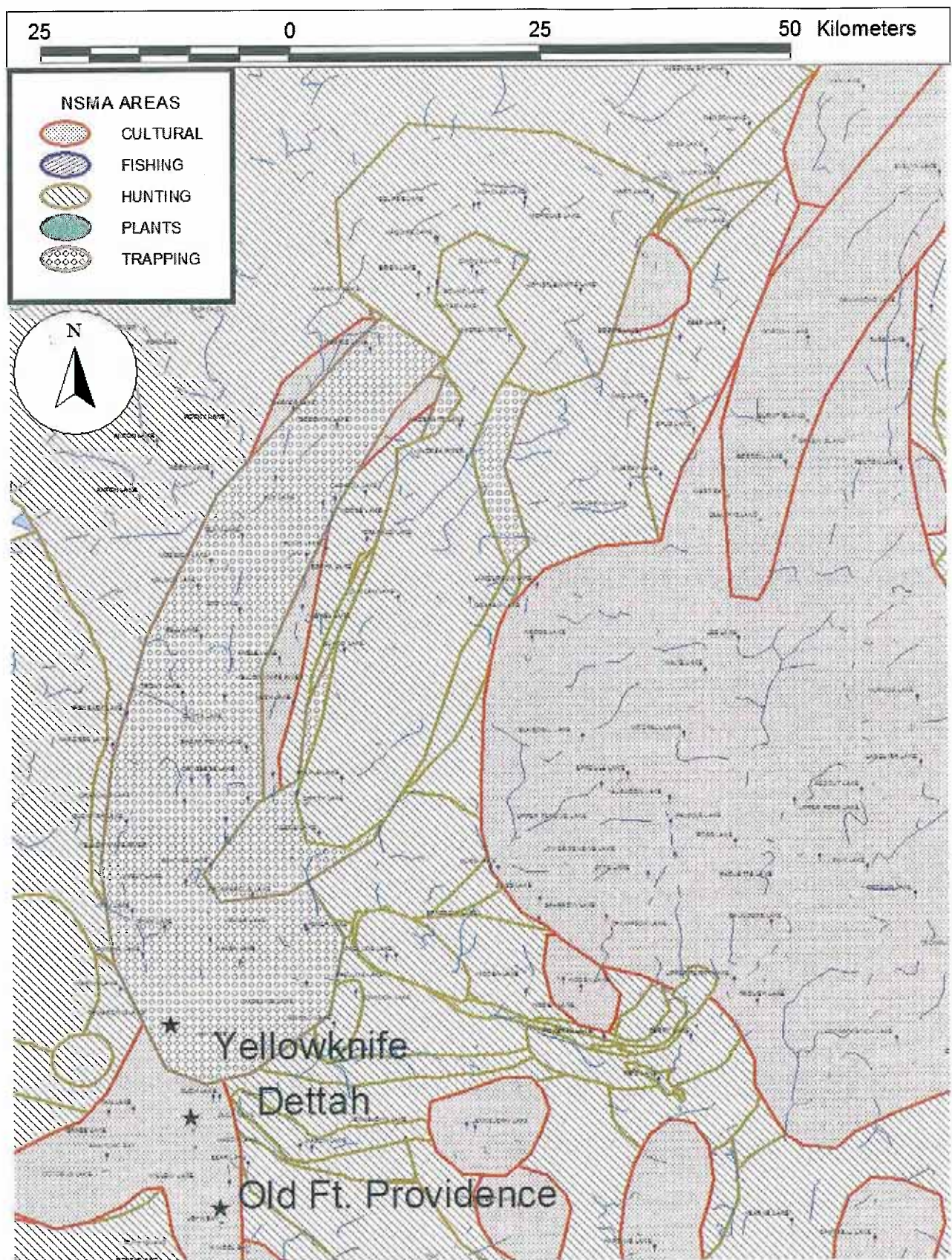
The issue of resource ownership and resource depletion was briefly discussed. Further discussions on this issue are expected in the future, in the form of an IBA (impact benefit agreement), or possibly royalties or profit sharing. For now, NSMA will focus on ensuring that their cultural and physical environment is protected, and where possible, enhanced.

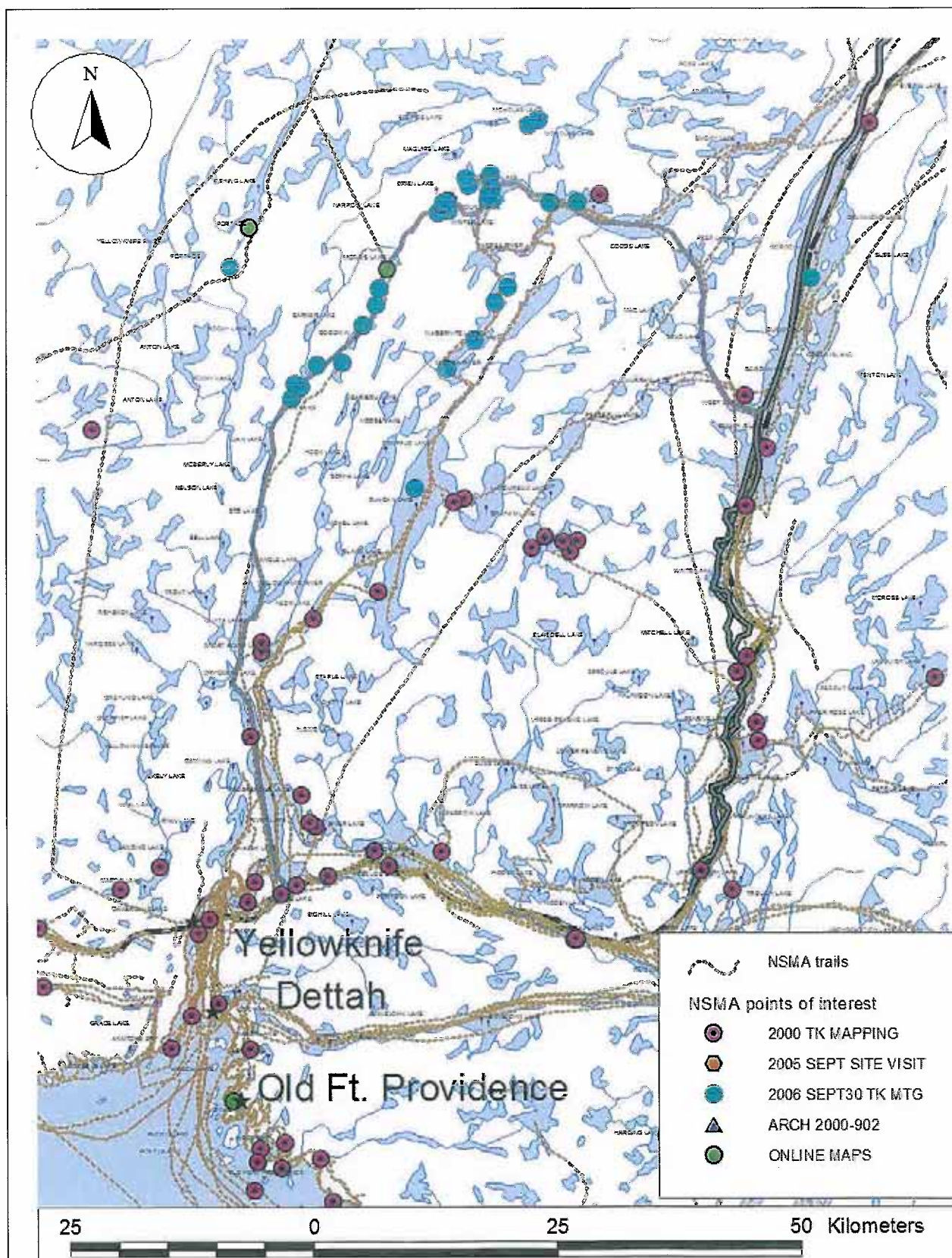
Where areas of particular value have been identified, they have been added to the existing Traditional Land Use Inventory in NSMA's Geographic Information System (GIS). This inventory is by no way complete, as only a handful of NSMA members have been interviewed, and there is still information on paper and distributed on various computers and back up files which has not yet been incorporated. In addition, no commercial activities were mapped. The maps produced for this report are therefore preliminary and incomplete. While they may be of some use to identify areas where interests exist, they must not be used to identify areas where interests do not exist.

Cultural Sites:

There is a network of trails over-lying the study area, used to hunt, fish, trap, and gather, and also to travel, transport, and trade between one place and the other. Sometimes the hunting and trapping are for income, and sometimes for subsistence (community) use. As mentioned earlier, the entire route along the Yellowknife River between Old Fort Providence and Old Fort Enterprise has been associated with the North Slave Métis for hundreds of years, and has a special significance. It is part of the core area where the unique North Slave Metis People had their ethnogenesis, and the territory which they consider to be their own, as opposed to being shared with the Tlicho in the north, and the Akaitcho to the south. The route taken by explorers guided by Métis is of special historic significance, while any archaeological sites would be very highly valued.

George showed the location of the cabin on the island in Thistlewaite Lake, which is now being used by someone with a name like Rudkovitch, who might be working for Arctic Farmer. There is an old (1950's?) cabin, leaning over, on the hill behind the mine, and Duncan Lake has a lodge on it.





Trapping:

Since there are no registered trapping concessions, the area is all open for trapping. People do not have to report to anyone about their trapping, and RWED may not give out the info if they had it, so it is difficult to keep track of. NSMA has no budget for wildlife or trapping management at the moment. Wherever there is a winter road or skidoo trail, people may be using it. From the 1930's to the 1970's the trapping was good. A lot of people trapped along the winter road, and there were a lot of marten near Discovery. It was mentioned that there was a big fire in the area to the north, back around 1921 and there has not been so much trapping around there since then. Grant Beck added that there is a study going on right now by RWED to investigate reasons why marten come into areas after they are burnt. The price is coming back up now, and more people may wish to trap again.

George understands that Stan Laroche traps around Quytá and Duncan Lake, even though he has heard Pat's uncle, "Stan the man", Laroche, say that trapping around Duncan and Quytá Lake is the worst trapping in the world. Grant Beck traps around Whitefish Lake.

Hunting:

George Mandeville hunts on Giaque and Nicholas lake. George and Knud Rasmussen saw a lot of caribou on Giaque and Nicholas Lakes a couple years ago. Adrian noted that a few years ago, when NSMA was doing remediation work at Discovery, with DIAND, there were caribou right at the mine site by the headframe and down on Giaque Lake, by the big island there and all over the area. George and Trevor hunted caribou up Duncan through Wagenitz to McRea and Giaque. Other species hunted in the general area include wolverine, waterfowl and bear. There are many hunting trails.

Fishing:

Narrow lake has lots of whitefish, but this lake does not show up on our 1:250,000 maps. There are lakes in the area with a lot of sport fishing and really good pickerel, but they are getting fished out, so we need to keep the secret. Everyone is afraid to fish on Discovery Lake, (Giaque Lake), or any of those lakes close by, but they do fish on Thistlewaite, Duncan, Fishing, Barker, Fox, Johnston, Drygeese, Prosperous, River, Walsh, and the Yellowknife River.

Gathering:

Wood is harvested throughout the area. People like to keep their favorite berry picking grounds secret. The Historic Discovery Mine site is known as a mushroom area.

Transporting and Expediting:

George and Knud Rasmussen worked up at Nicholas lake a couple years ago to locate a route, and haul propane for the mine. They got stuck going up the hill. They had to go ahead of the snowcats with the augers to test the ice.

The NSMA's commercial arm, Me'tcor, provides commercial winter road hauling services for the mining industry in this area through a subsidiary named North Slave Logistics Inc. Information can be found at http://www.metcor.nsma.net/north_slave_logistics_inc.html.

Guiding and Interpreting:

Since this is considered a commercial land use, it is not included in our existing Traditional Land Use inventory, and we did not get around to talking about it much during the meeting, except to mention Rabesca's (Last Name) outfitters and the Fishing Lodge on Duncan Lake.

Prospecting and Staking:

Since this is considered a commercial land use, it is not included in our existing inventory, and we did not get around to talking about it much during the meeting. Ed Jones noted that prospectors like to keep their activities quiet. Staking is recorded at the Mining Records Office.

Trading and Provisioning:

Since this is considered a commercial land use, it is not included in our existing inventory, and we did not get around to talking about it much during the meeting. However, NSMA has a business partnership named Sodexho Alliance which operates in this area and currently provides catering to The Stanton Territorial Hospital, and to Ekati Mine. NSMA actively pursues other opportunities to provision mines with food. http://www.metcor.nsma.net/sodexho_alliance.html

Through another business, Metcrete Services Ltd., NSMA provides shotcrete, concrete, and grouting equipment and supplies, including service, parts, user support and training for certified nozzlepersons. http://www.metcor.nsma.net/metcrete_services_ltd.html

Construction:

The cabin on Quyta Lake was built by a Yellowknife Correctional Center work program, with Métis involvement.

The NSMA provides civil construction, piping installation, and earthmoving services through its company, Metcon Construction Ltd. http://www.metcor.nsma.net/metcon_construction_ltd.html

Environmental Management:

NSMA members manage their impacts on the environment by changing the location of their harvesting efforts over time combined with changes in proportion of species harvested. The policy of "taking only what you need and can use" is the main mechanism of conservation which NSMA uses at the moment.

NSMA takes an active role in Consultation with other governments regarding implementation of or changes to legislation, policy, and/or guidelines.

In an effort to return previously damaged sites to an acceptable condition for resumption of Métis use, NSMA has established a company named NSM Industrial Services Ltd. to pursue opportunities in that area. http://www.metcor.nsma.net/nsm_industrial_services_ltd.html NSMA has been involved in the environmental site assessments, restoration, reclamation and remediation efforts of DIAND at the abandoned Discovery Mine site.

NSMA is also involved the GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources in a fire fighting contract for the North Slave Region, and a monitoring contract for the Prosperous to Duncan winter road.

Traditional Knowledge:

The members provided some advice and comments for Tyhee:

- Go around the east side of the island in the lake just south of Giaque for better ice
- Portage on the east side of the creek between that lake and Wagenitz
- When you come onto Wagenitz from south, head for north shore until halfway up lake, stay away from island, then switch to south side of lake, then go across by the river to avoid bad ice, then cross overland to get into McRae.
- There is lots of overflow on that Winter Lake.
- Narrow lake is the one with lots of overflow on it.
- The overflow between Johnson and Goodwin Lakes is very bad.
- Right when you get into Morris lake (heading N) there's a real bad overflow
- One time when there was twenty inches on these other lakes, we got to one of these little lakes and there was only 11 inches.
- One of those ponds below Morris lake.... the little ponds can be really bad cuz they freeze early (first) and the snow sits on top and insulates the pond and the ice does not get thick. The reason you guys don't see the overflow on Narrow and Winter is because the snow cats get on first and clear off the snow, then they freeze up better.
- You need to be careful because the ice changes... it's not always good, or bad, in the same spot depends on a lot of things.... For example, Goodwin lake, usually you go around the island this way (north-east side), but sometimes its so thin there..... we had to find a new route and go around the other side.
- The old road to Discovery goes up through Duncan lake and Wagonitz
- The other route, Quyta - Johnston is the best flattest route.
- There is a falls on McRae River.
- There is quite a set of falls coming out of Giaque to Thistlewaite.
- There is another falls coming into Giaque from upstream.
- Don't eat the fish from Thistlewaite.
- Tyhee should use lined tailings containment.
- A Participation agreement and an independent monitoring agency are expected.
- Dangerous goods should be flown and not travel along waterways upstream on Yellowknife river watershed
- A percentage of profits should be contributed to reclamation fund - like car insurance
- Métis communication and translation was integral to culture. Metis are known for their skills as translators.
- We want to know more about the esker that is to be used for gravel.
- We need a better understanding of the cyanide destruct circuit process, and the risks.
- We need more information on drainage and height of land.
- We are concerned and want to know more about the water quality, sewage, cyanide, and who is looking after all that and what standards will there be.
- We need more information on cumulative impacts.
- The biggest concerns so far are tailings mgmt, use of road, lakes and downstream.
- There is much concern about our drinking water supply.
- We want to know exactly who is going to take responsibility and what the standards will be.

- We need to be consulted to determine whether we happy with CCME, and MMER.
- We need to know what the volume of waste rock will be.
- We need more information about disturbance of caribou along road and at site.
- We need to be consulted regarding choices between restoration vs. reclamation vs. remediation.

Conclusions:

The NSMA does not consider the narrow category of archaeological sites to be representative of the full range of our heritage and cultural values. Since only those sites considered to be over 50 years old and not related to industrial pursuits are mapped and recorded in sufficient detail for preparation of site forms for submission to the territorial inventory, or counted as “archaeological sites”, narrowly focused archaeological investigations will excludes objects, sites, and records which might have high heritage and cultural value to Métis. It is necessary to conduct a more comprehensive and inclusive heritage resource inventory, which should build and expand on the brief information provided in this document. This heritage resource inventory should recognize that the region has been historically utilized by members of three groups of northeastern Athapaskan speakers, as well as the Métis. The report should recognize the important role that the Métis played in the transition from the Taltheilei Shale Tradition to the Reliance Complex 220-160 years ago, that an indigenous Métis community had it’s ethno genesis here during that period, and that the Michif language continues to mark the landscape and is still spoken by some elders.

The Yellowknife River watershed has high historic and heritage value to the NSMA. The NSMA would like to see memorials placed in the locations where these voyageurs gave their lives fulfilling their contracts of service on behalf of the British Crown.

Since Tyhee will be using at least part of the route these Métis ancestors traveled, and the Yellowknife Gold Project is generally close enough to the route to have been used by them along the way, it is extremely important that NSMA is meaningfully involved in the heritage resource assessment which must be conducted for this project.

The NSMA expects additional information to be provided before the completion of the environmental assessment regarding gravel sources, the topography and elevation, tailings management, the volume of waste rock, the possible effects on caribou, the cyanide destruct process and its risks, cumulative impacts, and in addition the questions of the members regarding the validity and appropriateness of standards or objectives for closure and environmental quality still need to be addressed.

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1.0 Introduction

Tyhee NWT Corp. (“Tyhee” or the “proponent”) is in the planning stage of the development of a gold mine from the Ormsby and Nicholas Lake deposits in the Northwest Territories (“the Yellowknife Gold Project or YGP”).

The mine and mill will be located approximately 80 km northwest of Yellowknife – see map. The mineral deposit will be developed to serve the growing world demand for gold.

The deposit is proven and the project is technically feasible. Moreover, the project is relatively environmentally benign, and will meet regulatory requirements. The project is also financially attractive to investors at current metal prices, and with current tax and royalty provisions.

1.1 Broad-Based Economic Benefits

The Yellowknife Gold Project will provide broad benefits to the economy in terms of employment, wages, and government tax revenues. The construction and operation of the mine and mill and associated processing plant will provide a major economic stimulus to a variety of communities near the mine and mill and plant sites, and to the Canadian economy.

The project also offers the opportunity for First Nations peoples to have meaningful participation in the wage economy, while at the same time having the work schedule flexibility to accommodate traditional pursuits and activities.

1.2 Report Outline

This overview report details the anticipated economic impacts resulting from mine and mill construction and operation.

Impacts are presented from two perspectives – the Northwest Territories and the country as a whole. In particular, the report details explicitly the anticipated tax revenue flows to the territorial and federal governments.

Exhibits that support the analysis are presented at the end of each section.

1.3 The Approach

The starting point for the impact analysis is the financial expenditure flows for the project. This information is disaggregated and further analyzed through:

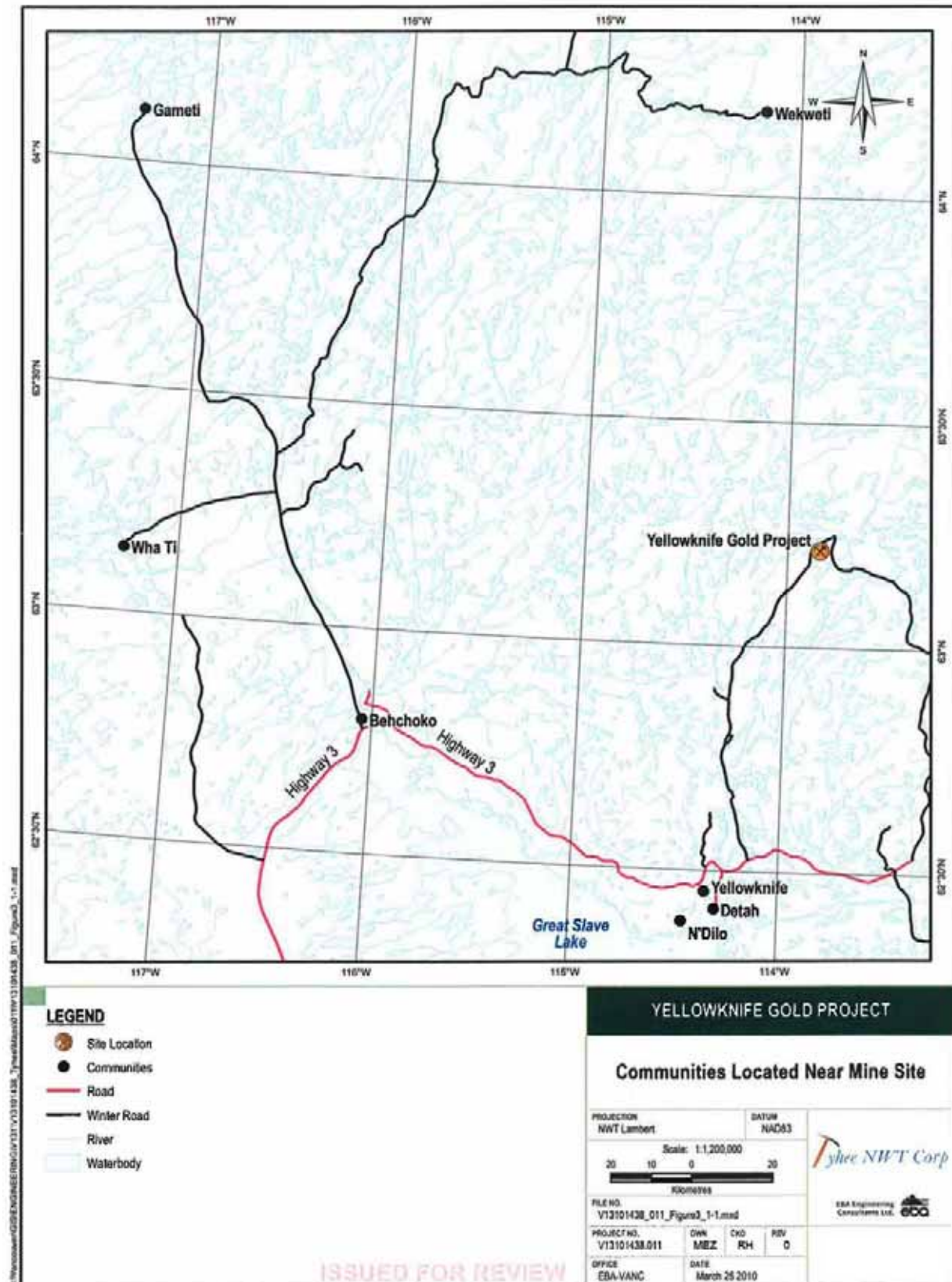
- the analysis of regional sourcing for supply expenditures;
- a matching between project job descriptions and the skills of the present NWT labour force;
- the results of Tyhee's corporate model that give anticipated corporate income tax and royalty payments;
- a profile of the labour force in communities close to the mine and mill sites (as provided by NWT Bureau of Statistics information);
- the analysis of secondary effects on downstream suppliers and the consumer sector through input-output analysis results (the NWT Bureau of Statistics and Statistics Canada).

The direct economic impacts are derived directly from the project financial pro formas (e.g., wages, expenditures on supplies & services, tax & royalty payments), and therefore are more accurate than projecting economic impacts from the value of project output alone.

The next section provides a brief description of the project before the impact results are presented.

All dollar amounts refer to constant \$ 2010 in Canadian currency.

Map of Yellowknife Gold Project Region



2.0 Project Synopsis

The project involves the mining, milling and extraction of gold from mineral deposits near the historic Discovery Mine approximately 80 km NW of Yellowknife. Both open pit and underground mining will occur.

The product from the plant will be dore bars that will be shipped south for further refining.

2.1 Project Activities

The ore will be mined at two deposits - Ormsby and Nicholas Lake - in NWT.

The ore from both deposits will be milled at a plant to be constructed at Ormsby which is approximately 9 km from Nicholas Lake.

Waste rock from mining will be deposited in a nearby Waste Rock Storage Area (WRSA). Presently it is planned to deposit process tailings into Winter Lake.

The mine site will have permanent camp facilities to serve the mine work force - the Ormsby site will be able to accommodate 150 people, the Nicholas Lake site will be able to accommodate 60 people (the work rotation is envisioned to be 2 weeks on - 2 weeks off with 12 hour work days).

2.2 Project Timing

The Yellowknife Gold Project from construction through reclamation will occur over 9 years:

- construction - year 1
- operations - years 2 through 9

Reclamation activities occur at the end of operations.

2.3 Project Output

The mine will produce approximately 7 million tonnes of ore over its project life of which about one quarter would come from underground mining.

The mine will result in gold production of about 0.8 million ounces.

2.4 Construction and Operation Expenditures

Expenditures over the life of the Yellowknife Gold Project will total an estimated \$651 million - \$178 million during construction and \$473 million during the 8 years of operations.

Expenditures (\$million)	Construction*	Operations**	Total
Wages & Benefits	20	170	190
Goods and Services	<u>158</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>461</u>
Total	178	473	651
Direct Employment (PYs)	145	1,960	2,105

* Includes reclamation.

** Includes property tax and payroll tax but excludes federal and NWT corporation/royalties taxes.

The \$461 million in purchases of goods and services include expenditures on equipment, materials, fuel, contract services, and so on. The \$190 million in wages include payroll burden and benefits (the figures for purchases of goods and services and for wages include a contingency allowance).

Approximately 145 person-years of employment will occur during the construction phase, and a much greater 1,960 person-years of employment will be generated during the 8 year mine operating life.

3.0 Economic Impacts

The Yellowknife Gold Project will provide significant benefits to the economies of the NWT and Canada.

3.1 The Nature of Economic Impacts

The economic impacts of the Yellowknife Gold Project arise from the cash expenditures made during the project's construction and operations phases.

Economic impacts arise directly from income and employment to mine and plant workers. In addition, spinoff economic effects on downstream industries occur through linkages to the suppliers of goods and services (e.g., equipment suppliers), and through the respending of wage income on consumer goods and services. The total economic impact of the project is the sum of direct industry, indirect supplier, and induced consumer spending impacts.

Dollar impacts include the gross return to labour (wages plus benefits), and the gross return to business or business surplus (interest payments, depreciation, before-tax profits). The sum of the return to labour and capital is called income, Gross Domestic Product (GDP), or value-added.

Employment is measured in person-year equivalents to facilitate comparisons to other economic sectors and the total economy.

Beneficiary Group	Impact Indicator
(1) Labour	Wages plus Benefits
+ (2) <u>Business</u>	<u>Business Surplus</u>
= (3) The Economy	GDP or Value-Added

Payments to government in terms of income taxes and the like represent a redistribution of the incomes.

The total magnitude of impacts depends both on the absolute amount of expenditures, as well as the multiplied effects of these expenditures on the rest of the region. The multiplied effects depend on the economic structure of the region, particularly the import content of purchased goods and services. Imports, as well as taxes and savings, represent a "leakage" from the regional economy (i.e., money spent on imports is not available for respending within the region).

The Yellowknife Gold Project will have a greater impact on the economy of Canada than on that of the NWT, since some project expenditures, by necessity, will be made in Southern Canada. However, in relative terms the project is much more significant to the NWT since the population of Canada is 1,000 times that of NWT.

3.2 Regional Sourcing of Labour & Supply Purchases

The starting point of the analysis is the profile of regional expenditures.

Employment and Wages. The YGP will have a preferential northern hiring policy. NWT residents with the requisite skills will have the first chance to be hired.

Nevertheless, many jobs will need to be filled by southern Canadians as much of the NWT labour force does not have the specific skills, especially in the professional and technical areas, that the project workforce needs.

Some of these southerners gaining long term operations jobs at the mine site will choose to relocate to the NWT (so called “in-migrants”). Others will maintain a permanent residence in Southern Canada.

Based on an assessment of local hiring in other mining projects in NWT, we have estimated the regional sourcing of labour to the project. Consistent with past experience, we have included some in-migration to take jobs during the operations phase e.g., a recent study found that 26% of the total NWT mine workforce were workers who moved to NWT (NWT Bureau of Statistics, “2009 Survey of Mining Employees”, August 2009).

The project will employ 145 people (PYs) during construction, and an average of 245 per year during operations. One in five construction workers, and over half of operations workers will come from the north (Exhibit 1).

The NWT wage bill will amount to \$4 million during construction and average another \$11 million per year during operations.

Supplier Purchases. The project will make substantial purchases from suppliers in the NWT and Southern Canada. Again, local NWT interests will have first chance at procurement but as with labour, the project will have to look to Southern Canada for specialized expertise and products.

Expenditures in the NWT will amount to an estimated \$47 million during construction and total \$121 million during operations.

During operations, a higher 40% of each purchase dollar is spent in the north, compared to 30% during construction.

3.3 Direct Economic Impacts

Exhibit 3 presents the direct economic impacts from the construction and the 8-year operating life of the project:

- \$94 million in wages & benefits,
- 1,110 person-years of employment,
- \$41 million in territorial government revenues, and
- \$168 million in supply purchases.

Canada as a whole will receive:

- \$190 million in wages & benefits,
- 2,105 person-years of employment,
- \$108 million in government tax revenues, and
- \$436 million in supply purchases.

The benefits to Canada include those accruing to the NWT. The NWT government revenues are those before application of the federal formula financing arrangement.

Southern Canada is a major beneficiary from the project. For every \$1 in wages, supply purchases or taxes that the NWT receives, the rest of Canada receives close to another \$1.

The bulk of benefits will accrue from project operations and not project construction.

3.4 Total Economic Impacts

The additional impacts associated with indirect supplier purchases and the induced spending in consumer industries swell the benefits significantly.

As shown in Exhibit 4, the total beneficial impacts of the Yellowknife Gold Project are about twice as great as the direct impacts alone.

For example, direct NWT employment during construction and operations is estimated at 1,110 PYs, whereas total (direct, indirect supplier and induced consumer) NWT employment is 2,060 PYs.

	Total Impacts*		Impacts per Year**	
	NWT	Canada	NWT	Canada
GDP \$ millions	447	673	50	75
Wages & Benefits \$ millions	145	372	16	41
Employment PYs	2,060	5,910	230	655

* Project lifetime construction & operations impacts (direct project, indirect supplier plus induced consumer responding).

** Average impacts per 9 year project life (1 construction & 8 operations).

Clearly, all of Canada has a stake to the benefits from the Yellowknife Gold Project.

Exhibit 1: Yellowknife Gold Project - Regional Sourcing of Direct Labour

	Construction	Operations per Year
Employment person-years (PYs)		
NWT Residents - Existing	30	100
- In-Migrants	NA	35
Other Canadians	<u>115</u>	<u>110</u>
TOTAL	145	245
Wages & Benefits \$ millions		
NWT Residents - Existing	3.6	8.3
- In-Migrants	NA	3.0
Other Canadians	<u>16.4</u>	<u>10.0</u>
TOTAL	20.0	21.3

Note: 1. Employment and wage figures from project proponent.
2. Regional sourcing assumption based on other mining projects in NWT.
3. Figures include contingency allowance of 10 to 15%.

Exhibit 2: Yellowknife Gold Project - Regional Sourcing of Supply Purchases

	Construction	Total Operations*
Supply Purchases \$ millions		
NWT	47 30%	121 40%
Southern Canada	95 60%	173 57%
Rest of World	<u>16</u> 10%	<u>9</u> 3%
TOTAL	158	303

* Total over the 8 years of production.

Note: 1. Supply purchase figures from project proponent.
2. Regional sourcing assumption based on other mining projects in NWT.
3. Figures include contingency allowance of 10 to 15%.

Exhibit 3: Yellowknife Gold Project - Direct Economic Impacts

	NWT Impacts			Canada inc. NWT Impacts		
	Const ⁿ	Operations ^a	Project Total	Const ⁿ	Operations ^a	Project Total
Direct Industry Impacts						
Employment PYs	30	1,080	1,110	145	1,960	2,105
Wages & Benefits \$ millions	4	90	94	20	170	190
Purchases \$ millions	47	121	168	142	294	436
Gov't Tax Revenues \$ millions						
Income Tax - Corporate	0	17	17	0	37	37
- Personal	<.5	7	7	4	34	38
Mining Royalty	0	7	7	0	7	7
Payroll Burden - Payroll Tax	<.5	3	3	<.5	3	3
- EI Premiums	0	0	0	<.5	4	4
- CPP Premiums	0	0	0	1	8	9
- WCB Premiums	<.5	3	3	<.5	3	3
Fuel Tax	<.5	2	2	<.5	5	5
Property Tax ^b	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	<.5	41	41	5	103	108

^a Total operations impacts over 8 year production period.

^b Property tax estimated as \$2 million.

Exhibit 4: Yellowknife Gold Project - Total Economic Impacts

	NWT Impacts			Canada inc. NWT Impacts		
	Const ⁿ	Operations	Total	Const ⁿ	Operations	Total
GDP \$ millions						
Direct	53	309	362	53	309	362
Indirect	12	36	48	73	118	191
Induced	<u>4</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>120</u>
Total	69	378	447	152	521	673
Wages & Benefits \$ millions						
Direct	4	90	94	20	170	190
Indirect	9	20	29	45	65	110
Induced	<u>2</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>72</u>
Total	15	130	145	81	291	372
Employment PYs						
Direct	30	1,080	1,110	145	1,960	2,105
Indirect	125	335	460	775	1,230	2,005
Induced	<u>50</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Total	205	1,855	2,060	1,310	4,600	5,910

- Note:
1. Construction figures include reclamation.
 2. Operations figures are the totals over the 8 years of production.
 3. Direct impacts derived from financial pro formas.
 4. Indirect and induced impacts derived from Input-Output economic multipliers provided by NWT Bureau of Statistics and Statistics Canada.
 5. All financial figures in 2010 Canadian dollars.
 6. Employment expressed in person-years (PYs).

4.0 Regional Setting & Regional Impacts

The NWT employment and economic impacts from the Yellowknife Gold Project will accrue primarily to the local areas surrounding the mine site.

4.1 The Regional Study Area

The Regional Study Area or RSA for the YGP comprises Yellowknife including N'Dilo and Detah in the Yellowknife area, and Behchoko, Gameti, Wekweti and Wha Ti in the Tlicho area (see map in Section 1 and Exhibit 5).

Yellowknife is by far the largest community in the NWT comprising approximately 45% of the territorial population and 55% of its employment base. Yellowknife has a high labour force participation rate of 85% and a low unemployment rate of 5%.

The other communities in the RSA are aboriginal communities, and are much smaller and have limited employment opportunities as evidenced by participation rates generally under 70% and unemployment rates generally greater than 25%.

4.2 RSA Takeup of Project Employment

It is anticipated that about 230 positions will be created annually in NWT from project construction and operations - 125 directly, 50 indirectly in supplier industries and 55 in retail through the respending of wages earned at the direct and indirect stages (see Exhibit 4 and Section 3.4).

We expect that all the direct jobs in NWT will be drawn from the Regional Study Area and that perhaps 90% or more of indirect and induced jobs also will come from the RSA.

It is not expected that there will be significant competition from other major projects for workers. The Snap Lake Mine is now operational. And the timeline for the Mackenzie Gas Project is uncertain.

It is anticipated that about 35 of the direct operations jobs will be filled by in-migrants to the NWT and these workers will draw some spouses or other adults who can work in indirect and induced jobs.

There is significant slack in the RSA economy apart from Yellowknife which has a tight labour market. Training and other recruitment strategies can help draw and equip potential workers from other parts of the RSA.

4.3 Other Impacts

Population. It is expected that each family that moves to the RSA to take a direct job consists of 3.4 people - one for the direct job and 2.4 others i.e., a total of 120 people (35 x 3.4).

The in-migrants likely will move to Yellowknife due to the availability of housing and other services.

Inflation. Experience with the diamond industry in NWT over the past 15 years suggests that the Yellowknife Gold Project will not cause inflationary pressures.

Economic Diversification. The diamond industry has helped the northern business community to diversify and build capacity.

The local sourcing of goods and services by the Yellowknife Gold Project will add to this business diversification trend.

It is expected that the training and work experience from construction or operations jobs on the Yellowknife Gold Project will be portable to future work opportunities in the NWT.

Exhibit 5: Community Labour Force Activity in NWT 2009

	Pop ⁿ 15+	Labour Force			Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate
		Employed	Unemployed	Total		
Mine and Mill Site RSAs						
Yellowknife exc. N'Dilo*	15,513	12,461	698	13,159	85%	5%
N'Dilo*	262	115	53	168	64%	32%
Detah	182	89	35	124	68%	28%
Behchoko	1,374	515	151	666	48%	23%
Gameti	214	104	33	137	64%	24%
Wekweti	81	47	8	55	68%	15%
Wha Ti	<u>360</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>214</u>	59%	27%
Total	17,986	13,487	1,036	14,523	81%	7%
Rest of NWT	15,744	9,212	1,580	10,792	69%	15%
Total NWT	33,730	22,699	2,616	25,315	75%	10%

Note: 1. N'Dilo comprises part of the City of Yellowknife.
 2. Participation Rate = Labour Force/Population 15+.
 3. Unemployment Rate = Unemployed/Labour Force.

Source: NWT Bureau of Statistics

5.0 Conclusions

The Yellowknife Gold Project is a major business undertaking and once operational will generate significant employment and wages to northerners.

The project will provide 125 direct high-paying, meaningful jobs annually with career potential to NWT residents. Some of these jobs will accrue to both natives and non-natives living outside the major population centre of Yellowknife.

The rest of Canada is also a major beneficiary from the project. Significant employment and business opportunities will flow to the provinces particularly Alberta.

The gold mining business is export-based and, as such, the project will earn significant amounts of foreign currency. The project output will not displace sales from other Canadian mines as gold is a high value international commodity.

The mine will generate significant tax revenues to the territorial and federal governments at a time when governments are striving to balance their budgets. The Yellowknife Gold Project will assist government in their deficit reduction exercise.

The mine will have long “coattail” effects on the business community. Businesses may set up in the NWT to service the mine. In other cases, existing NWT companies will expand and hire more workers to service the mine. These potential business opportunities represent economic impacts over and above those analyzed in the report.

