Sherry Sian

From:

Alan Ehrlich

Sent:

Wednesday, April 16, 2003 9:39 AM

To:

Sherry Sian; Martin Haefele

Subject: Correspondence- Drybones Bay

For your interest.

----Original Message----

From: Vern Christensen, Executive Director **Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2003 10:24 AM

To: Alan Ehrlich; Todd Burlingame; Roland Semjanovs

Subject: FW: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Land Use Application MV20030003

FYI

----Original Message----

From: Laurie Stephenson [mailto:lstephenson@wascomgt.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2003 10:16 AM **To:** Vern Christensen, Executive Director

Subject: Re: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Land Use ApplicationMV20030003

I have just been advised that you too are to be in the loop on this ongoing "review," and am taking the liberty to forward my previous recent correspondence regarding this matter to you.

With respects to MVLWB fax of April 14th, 2003.

Response to MacKenzie Valley VII is the current letter Response to MacKenzie Valley IV is referred to in that letter

Response to Mackenzie Valley VI our first objection to the referral

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Laurie Cordell 7th Floor – 4910 50th Avenue Yellowknife NWT X1A 2P6 Friday, 04 April 2003

BY EMAIL

RE: MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Application

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

Dear Ms. Cordell,

I would like to respond to the Boards letter of April 1st, 2003 which identified the further issue that needed further study as summary of our April 2nd, 2003 meeting with the Yellowknife Dene First Nation and the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation.

We attended the meeting along with various other mining companies and personnel from the MVLWB. During the meeting, all the mining companies provided maps and spoke with respects to their plans for the non-invasive, non-permanent, non-disruptive, preliminary exploration programs. Although the First Nations raised concerns for possible gravesites and other culturally significant areas, their maps indicated none in the area of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures' proposed drill areas, nor were any specific sites noted in their presentations, which were quite numerous.

Other issues that were raised dealt with Treaty Land Claims negotiations with the Federal Government and political issues which are way beyond the scope of our proposed Land Use Permit.

All companies present indicated that if they found any significant areas that might have cultural significance they would avoid disturbing them.

Since most of our exploration is at a very early stage and most of it is being conducted on the lake with no temporary camp or other facilities on land the raised concerns have not be impacted on by the company's proposed land use application.

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. is of the opinion that item 2 of their February 26th, 2003 and subsequent April 1st, 2003 letters has been addressed, that at the stage of exploration that it is at and in view of the approval of a like project Land Use Application for Diamonds North, item 3 of their February 26th, 2003 letter is not necessary and item 4 of their February 26th, 2003 letter is not applicable.

Please advise me if any further information is necessary for the Board meeting of April 10th, 2003.

Trusting that this is satisfactory in furthering our application, I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely

"Laurie Stephenson"

Laurence Stephenson

The conclusion is that the MVLWB has no reason to refer this permit application. The MVLWB is acting with political malice in discriminating against a valid "complete land use application" that exceeds its mandate.

The concerns raised by the First Nations are easily mitigated as demonstrated by the issued Diamonds North Land Use Permit.

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures met all the steps requested by the Board in the lawful application for the Land Use Permit.

Therefore, I again, respectfully request on behalf of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. that the MVLWB reconsider its denial of Mineral Exploration in the Northwest Territories that this action portends and issue the Land Use Permit to Consolidated Goldwin Ventures on the same conditions it applied to Diamonds North Resources Ltd.

Sincerely

"Laurence Stephenson"

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Laurie Cordell 7th Floor – 4910 50th Avenue Yellowknife NWT X1A 2P6 April 11, 2003

BY EMAIL

RE: MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Application

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

Dear Ms. Cordell,

I am responding to the very disturbing phone call I received from Peter Lennie-misgeld in which he indicated that contrary to the Board's letter of April 1st, 2003 identifying only one further issue that needed addressing (summary of the April 2nd, 2003 meeting with the Yellowknife Dene First Nation and the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation) which I addressed in my letter to you April 4th, 2003, the Board has completely abrogated its responsibility to issue a Type A permit, as it recently did for Diamonds North Resources Ltd.

Instead I was told that due to concerns, "supposedly written and in our file(according to Peter Lennie-misgeld)" raised about the proposed land use permit for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, the board was referring this to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. These "written concerns" have never been presented to us even though I was in constant contact with the MVLWB on an almost daily basis and according to Mike Byrne of Mineral Resource Diand who reviewed the file on April 11th, 2003 and saw no evidence of these concerns. I have seen no detailed issues that require a review by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

As I indicated in my letter of April 4th, 2003, Consolidated Goldwin Ventures met all the steps requested by the Board in the lawful application for the Land Use Permit.

The mandate of the Board is to provide leadership and authorization of land use in the Northwest Territories under existing regulations and treaty rights and under which the Board saw fit to grant, in similar conditions, a Type A Land Use permit to Diamonds North Resources Ltd. for their preliminary exploration program.

I reiterate what I identified in my April 4th, 2003 letter and what the MVLWB obviously concurred with as little as one month ago that: "the stage of exploration that it [Consolidated Goldwin] is at and in view of the approval of a like project Land Use Application for Diamonds North, item 3 [referral to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board] of their February 26th, 2003 letter is not necessary and item 4 of their February 26th, 2003 letter is not applicable."

Therefore, I respectfully request on behalf of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. that the MVLWB reconsider its denial of Mineral Exploration in the Northwest Territories that this action portends and issue the Land Use Permit to Consolidate Goldwin Ventures on the same conditions it applied to Diamonds North Resources Ltd.

Please let the issues that deal with Treaty Land Claims negotiations between the Federal Government and First Nations, which are beyond the scope of our proposed Land Use Permit and the mandate of the MVLWB to be dealt with in their respective arenas.

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Melody McLeod Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board 7th Floor – 4910 50th Avenue Yellowknife NWT X1A 2P6 April 15, 2003

BY EMAIL

RE: MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Application

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

Dear Ms. McLeod,

I am responding to the Decision of the MVLWB which I received by fax April 14th, 2003.

We proceeded in good faith with the regulatory process, providing all the information required for what is a very limited exploration program, the type that was approved, within the month, by the Board for Diamond North Resources Ltd., under these same concerns raised by the various "affected" First Nations groups.

I personally attended the April 2nd meeting that you refer to in the "Reason for Decision" which was set up not as advertised to deal with the real concerns of the Drybones Bay but was used as a political meeting to castigate the "Caucasian" treatment of the First Nations for the past 70 years.

You also referred to two letters received by the board with respects to the Drybones Bay area which even you identified as "focused primarily on treaty rights" and complained about inadequate consultation.

I also made a submission about the area of Consolidated Goldwin's proposed Land use on April 4th, 2003 which addressed the First Nation concerns. That it was not referred to in your "Reason For Decision," implies that our submissions are deemed "2nd Class." I have attached a copy of that letter, in which I identified:

- That although the First Nations raised concerns for possible gravesites and other culturally significant areas, their maps indicated none in the area of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures' proposed drill areas, nor were <u>any</u> specific sites noted in their presentations.
- Since most of our exploration is being conducted on the lake with no temporary camp or other facilities on land the raised concerns would not be impacted on by the company's proposed land use application.

Additionally,

- In previous correspondence and in discussion with Diamonds North Resources Ltd.
 and regulatory officers of the MVLWB it was outlined how attempts at contact were
 ignored by the First Nations until that tactic was countered by the board's own efforts.
- 4. Although we did not cite it in previous correspondence, at the April 2nd, 2003, meeting one of the Chiefs indicated that their objections were intended to enlist "our support" for their treaty negotiations.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future so that we can get on with the business of developing the resources of the Northwest Territories.

Sincerely

"Laurence Stephenson"

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