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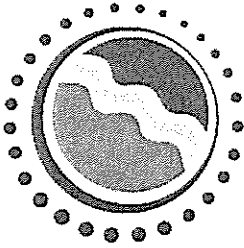
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Our File: EA02-346

April 28, 2003

Mr. Lawrence Stephenson
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.
410-455 Granville Street
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Re: Notice of Referral to Environmental Assessment

Pursuant to Subsection 126(5) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, you are hereby notified that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) intends to undertake an environmental assessment (EA) of the Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. mining exploration program at Drybones Bay, NT (the development). The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB), as per Subsection 125(1) of the *MVRMA*, referred the development to the Review Board in their letter of April 11, 2003.

As part of the EA, the Review Board will determine the scope of the development and the factors to be considered as per Section 117 of the *MVRMA*. A draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan detailing the submission requirements as well as the EA process and schedule will be issued upon approval by the Review Board. The Review Board will be in contact with Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. at this time. In the meantime, the Review Board has set up a Public Registry for all information received that is pertinent to this EA.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the EA process, please contact me at (867) 766-7063 or ssian@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Sian".

Sherry Sian
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MACKENZIE VALLEY
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RE: MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Application
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

Dear Mr. Christensen,

Despite our presentation of significant evidence to dispute the MVLWB conclusion that "significant public concern" exists over this Land Use Permit, the MVLWB has referred this matter to your board at their meeting of April 10th, 2003.

We have 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 MVLW 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 was cited in the MVLWB "Reason for Decision" along with two letters which alleged that there was "significant public concern."

As I indicated to the MVLWB both the meeting and the two letters indicated "general concerns" about the Drybones Bay area which were easily "mitigate-able." I further indicated that none of the proposed areas for exploration of Consolidated Gold Win's Land Use permit were in any of the First Nation's own data with respects to cultural or other effects. All of these areas of the proposed land use were posted and available for all First Nation participants at the meeting and were made available to the responding First Nation groups.

The meeting was a political meeting to further the First Nations' Treaty negotiations and as such provided no specific site problems related to Consolidated Goldwin's Land use application. The two letters received by the board with respects to the Drybones Bay area were identified by the MVLWB as "focused primarily on treaty rights" and complained about inadequate consultation, that in previous correspondence and discussion with Diamonds North Resources Ltd. and regulatory officers of the MVLWB had been identified as direct or benign neglect by the First Nations.

At the April 2nd public meeting the First Nations "apologised" for their failure to respond citing other "pressing concerns." At the April 2nd, 2003, meeting one of the Chiefs indicated that their objections were intended to enlist "our support" for their treaty negotiations.

The decision by the MVLWB has seriously derailed the land use application process. It has very severe implications for the ability of junior exploration companies to conduct what has in the past been granted without this costly requirement for preliminary minor exploration programs. These preliminary type of programs have never in the past caused any adverse effect on the "concerns" cited by the First Nations.

Since most of our exploration is being conducted on the lake with no temporary camp or other facilities on land the raised "concerns" are even farther removed from impact by the company's proposed land use application.

It is my opinion based on the evidence and attendance of the public meeting is that no concerns were addressed specifically to Consolidated Goldwin's Land Use Application. I made representation to that effect to the MVLWB and am prepared to provide a sworn affidavit to that effect.

The MVLWB had no reason to refer this permit application.

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.

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. has Mineral Exploration rights in the Northwest Territories granted by the Crown. We would like to know what steps can be taken to get this "de-railed" application process back on track so that the government can properly issue the applied for Land Use Permit to Consolidated Goldwin Ventures.

Time is of the essence. We have already been in the application process for over 5 months or approximately 150 days.

Please advise us what further action we can do to expedite this process.

Sincerely

"Laurence Stephenson"

Laurence Stephenson

CC: Bob Wooley, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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