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- ◆ Letter to Consolidated Goldwin Ventures regard the Boards decision.
- ◆ Preliminary Screening Report
- ◆ Reasons for Decision

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Dear Mr. Stephenson:

**Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc, MV2003C0003**  
**Mineral Exploration, Drybones Bay**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) met on April 10, 2003 to deal with the aforementioned application. The decision was made to refer the application to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for an environmental assessment pursuant to Subsection 125 (1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The reasons for decision and the preliminary screening report are attached for your information.

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Yours sincerely,

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Melody J. McLeod  
Chair

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## PRELIMINARY SCREENING REPORT FORM

<b>PRELIMINARY SCREENER: MVLWB</b> <b>REFERENCE / FILE</b> <b>NUMBER: MV2003C0003</b> <b>TITLE: Mineral Exploration, Near Drybones Bay</b> <b>ORGANIZATION: Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Ltd.</b> <b>MEETING DATE: April 10, 2003</b>	<b>EIRB</b> <b>REFERENCE</b> <b>NUMBER:</b>
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Type of Development:  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ☒ New  
☐ Amend, EIRB Ref. #  
☒ Requires permit, license or authorization  
☐ Does not require permit, license or authorization

## Project Summary/Scope

Drilling of five short holes (total) over the following coordinates:

62.159833, -113.870971  
 62.159743, -113.875284  
 62.131742, -113.882701  
 62.143695, -113.869441

Geophysical surveying prior to drilling at the aforementioned locations;

Storage of fuel as described in Land Use Permit Application MV2003C0003, received on January 23, 2003 and subsequent correspondence received on February 4, 12, 17th, and 21st.

Principal Activities (related to scoping)  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploration | <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installation | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial             | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion    | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarry                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair       | <input type="checkbox"/> Linear / Corridor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research     |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Intake | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other:       |   |  |

## Principal Development Components (related to scoping)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access Road                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> disposal of hazardous waste        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abandonment/removal                        | <input type="checkbox"/> waste generation                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> modification e.g., widening, straightening | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile, Aircraft or Vessel Movement    | <input type="checkbox"/> disposal of sewage                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blasting                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geoscientific Sampling  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> trenching                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> diamond drill           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burying                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> borehole core sampling  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channelling                                | <input type="checkbox"/> bulk soil sampling                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and Fill                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting of Trees or Removal of Vegetation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrological Testing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dams and Impoundments                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Restoration                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> construction                               | <input type="checkbox"/> fertilization                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> abandonment/removal                        | <input type="checkbox"/> grubbing                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> modification                               | <input type="checkbox"/> planting/seeding                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch Construction                         | <input type="checkbox"/> reforestation                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Alteration                        | <input type="checkbox"/> scarify                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling other than Geoscientific          | <input type="checkbox"/> spraying                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Surveys                         | <input type="checkbox"/> recontouring                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Slashing and removal of vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosive Storage                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Testing                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Storage                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Crossing/Bridging           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Topsoil, Overburden or Soil                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunnelling/Underground             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fill                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disposal                                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> removal                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> storage                                    |   |

**NTS Topographic Map Sheet Numbers**  
(LIST ALL THAT APPLY)

**Latitude / Longitude and UTM System:**  
62°01' - 62°12'  
113°12' - 113°52'

**Nearest Community and Water Body:**  
Dettah, Great Slave Lake

**Land Status (consultation information)**

☐ Free Hold / Private      ☐ Commissioners Land      ☐ Federal Crown Land      ☐ Municipal Land

**Transboundary Implications**

☐ British Columbia      ☐ Alberta      ☐ Saskatchewan      ☐ Yukon  
☐ Nunavut      ☐ Wood Buffalo National Park      ☐ Inuvialuit Settlement Region

**Type of Transboundary Implication:**      ☐ Impact / Effect      ☐ Development

☒ Public Concern: Refer to Page 4  
(DESCRIBE)

**PHYSICAL - CHEMICAL EFFECTS**

**IMPACT**

**1. Ground Water**

☒ water table alteration  
☒ water quality changes

☐ infiltration changes

☐ other

☐ N/A

**MITIGATION**

Potential for encountering underground aquifer – no mitigation provided

Applicant to use recirculating drill and remove all materials from ice to prevent changes to water quality.

**IMPACT**

**2. Surface Water**

☐ flow or level changes

☒ water quality changes

☐ water quantity changes

☐ Drainage pattern changes

☐ temperature

☐ wetland changes / loss

☐ other:

☐ N/A

**MITIGATION**

Applicant to use recirculating drill and remove all materials from ice to prevent changes to water quality.

**IMPACT**

**3. Noise**

☒ noise in/near water

☒ other: noise increase

☐ N/A

**MITIGATION**

Temporary effect no mitigation possible.

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**IMPACT**

**4. Land**

☐ geologic structure changes

☐ soil contamination

**MITIGATION**

- ☐ buffer zone loss
- ☐ soil compaction & settling
- ☐ Destabilization / erosion
- ☐ permafrost regime alteration
- ☐ other: explosives/scarring
- ☒ N/A

**IMPACT****5. Non Renewable  
Natural Resources**

- ☒ resource depletion
- ☐ other:
- ☐ N/A

**MITIGATION**

Mineral Exploration may lead to resource depletion, no mitigation.

**IMPACT****6. Air/Climate/  
Atmosphere**

- ☒ Other
- ☐ N/A

**MITIGATION**

Burning of fossil fuels will cause air pollutants no mitigation possible.

**BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT****IMPACT****1. Vegetation**

- ☐ species composition
- ☐ species introduction
- ☐ toxin / heavy accumulation
- ☐ other:

**MITIGATION**

- ☒ N/A

**IMPACT****2. Wildlife & Fish**

- ☐ effects on rare, threatened or endangered species
- ☐ fish population changes
- ☐ waterfowl population changes
- ☐ breeding disturbance
- ☐ population reduction
- ☐ species diversity change
- ☐ health changes  
(Identify)
- ☐ behavioural changes  
(Identify)
- ☐ habitat changes / effects
- ☐ game species effects

**MITIGATION**

☐ toxins / heavy metals☐ forestry changes☐ agricultural changes☐ other:☒ N/A**INTERACTING ENVIRONMENT****IMPACT****1. Habitat and Communities****MITIGATION**☐ predator-prey☐ wildlife habitat / ecosystem  
Composition changes☐ reduction / removal of  
keystone or endangered  
species☐ removal of wildlife corridor or  
buffer zone☐ other:☒ N/A**IMPACT****2. Social and Economic****MITIGATION**☐ planning / zoning changes or  
conflicts☐ increase in urban facilities or  
services use☐ rental house☐ airport operations / capacity  
changes☐ human health hazard☐ impair the recreational use of  
water or aesthetic quality☐ affect water use for other  
purposes☐ affect other land use  
operations☐ quality of life changes☒ public concern**First Nations**

- Yellowknives Dene First Nation stated that the area is of very significant importance to the Dene of the Akitcho Territory and are concerned about potential impacts to traditional land use and wildlife within the Drybones Bay Area.
- Deninu Kue First Nation stated concern over impacts to the cultural, economic and environmental importance of the Drybones Bay Area.
- NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation also expressed concerns over impacts to the cultural, spiritual, and environmental importance of the Drybones Bay Area.

☐ other:☒ N/A

**IMPACT****MITIGATION****3. Cultural and Heritage**

- ☐ effects to historic property
- ☐ increased economic pressure on historic properties
- ☐ change to or loss of historic resources
- ☐ change to or loss of archaeological resources
- ☒ increased pressure on archaeological sites
- ☐ change to or loss of aesthetically important site
- ☐ effects to aboriginal lifestyle
- ☐ other:
- ☐ N/A

Area known to have archaeological resources, work with PWNHC to avoid these sites, permit conditions to address further concerns.

**NOTES:**Consultation

- The Board provided timely notice and the necessary information required under Section 1.6 (a) and (b) of the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations Interim Measures Agreement.
- Pursuant to Section 1 (a)(b)(c) and Section 2(a) of the Dogrib Treaty 11 Claim Interim Provisions Agreement, the MVLWB determined that the Permittee has participated in consultations and due process with respect to the issuance of a land use permit within the subject land use area.

**PRELIMINARY SCREENER / REFERRING BODY INFORMATION**  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

	RA or DRA	ADVICE	PERMIT REQUIRED
<b><u>Federal</u></b>			
CANADIAN HERITAGE (PARKS CANADA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CANADIAN NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION AGENCY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENVIRONMENT CANADA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FISHERIES & OCEANS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INDIAN AFFAIRS & NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INDUSTRY CANADA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NATIONAL DEFENSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PUBLIC WORKS & GOVERNMENT SERVICES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSPORT CANADA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOGD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Territorial</u></b>			
RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRANSPORTATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEALTH BOARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRINCE OF WALES HERITAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Aboriginal / First Nation</u></b>			
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rae-Edzo Métis Local #64	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dogrib Rae Band	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yellowknives Dene First Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northwest Territory Métis Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Slave Métis Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Communities</u></b>			
Hamlet of Rae-Edzo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
City of Yellowknife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**REASONS FOR DECISION**  
(LIST ALL REASONS AND SUPPORTING RATIONALES FOR PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION)

**DECISION:**

Refer to separate attached Reasons for Decision.

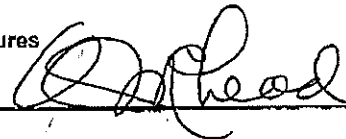
	PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outside Local Government Boundaries
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on air, water or renewable resources, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
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Preliminary Screening Organization

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

April 11, 2003

Signatures



**REASONS FOR DECISION****MACKENZIE VALLEY LAND AND WATER BOARD (MVLWB or the Board)****IN THE MATTER OF:**

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**and**

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The MVLWB conducted a preliminary screening of the applications and received comments from government agencies, communities, and First Nations. Several First Nations organizations expressed concern over potential impacts from mineral exploration in the Drybones Bay Area. These concerns related to impacts from mineral exploration to the cultural, social and traditional land use importance that the Drybones Bay Area signifies to First Nations.

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The MVLWB is aware and concerned that the Drybones Bay Area will experience steady increases in mineral exploration in the near future. The MVLWB decided that this increased mineral exploration constitutes a concern of cumulative negative environmental effects for the Drybones Bay Area.

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### Decision:

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Signed on behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board:



Melody J. McLeod, Chair  
April 14, 2003

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**Land Use Application MV2003C0003**

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