

Sherry Sian

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Sent: Friday, May 23, 2003 11:03 AM
To: Sherry Sian
Cc: Mike Vaydik; Kate Hearn; Vern Christensen, Executive Director
Subject: Re: Consolidated Gold Win Ventures Land Use Application MV2003C0003

BY FAX to: The Honourable Robert Nault
Minister - INAC

Dear Ms. Sian,

I have read the "Rules for Procedure."

It confirms what I have been stressing all along, regardless of the referral by the MVLWB. That referral, I continue to maintain is illegal, unwarranted and not appropriate to the circumstances. I keep stressing this because the process you are embarking on has the potential to cease development of the mineral resources of the NWT.

The MVEIRB has under the Rules for Procedures and the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, the authority to halt this frivolous waste of taxpayer resources by instructing the MVLWB to issue the permit.

To Wit:

The Rules for Procedures state unequivocally (Page 3 "definitions"; Page 4 item 1; page 5 item 3; page 7 item 26, item 27 & item 28) that this procedure is for a "development." At no time does it refer to an temporary exploration project - neither in the definitions or body of the text.

I have continued to present un-refutable evidence that this project is an exploration project - temporary in nature and non-invasive in action and therefore should not be subjected to an E/A.

I further maintain that the MVEIRB has the authority under the act and the Rules of Procedure, specifically on "Conduct of Review Proceedings" (page 5 item 9 and 10; page 6 item 13) can: 1. reject the MVLWB referral based on the impropriety of the referral; 2. Limit the time for action, to a more rational time frame given the scope of the project; 3. recognise the non related political actions behind this referral and effectively decide the issue.

Again I pursue this because the permit process for this type of exploration which is entering the 21st week of "permitting" takes 1 day in Manitoba.

Further in "Rules of Procedure" Item 18 and 19 which should have been applied by the MVLWB have no possibility of being proven in light of our lake drilling and the First Nations "point or position" with respect to the whole process has not been supported by fact or proof which according to the "Rules of Procedure" is their burden to do so.

To date I still have not received any indication of who is seeking intervenor status, the "reason for the proposed intervention," "the role that the intervener proposes to play" and "any information [to be provided]." According to Rule 2 this date was May 16th, 2003.

Please advise if the MVEIRB will use its authority to expediate this process to a more reasonable procedure and/or establish some definitive timelines for the taxpayers benefit and for the benefit of the NWT.

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