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VIA E-MAIL

Re: Request for ruling re: oral hearing and timeline extension – Consolidated Goldwin Ventures/Encore Renaissance Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Ehrlich,

I am responding to your letter of April 27, 2011, seeking comments from parties on the Yellowknives Dene First Nation's request to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board to order a new oral hearing and extend the timeline for submission of new evidence in regard to the Consolidated Goldwin Ventures/Encore Renaissance Environmental Assessment.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has no comments on the request for ruling. If the Review Board orders a new oral hearing, INAC will participate.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-2647 or Teresa.Joudrie@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Teresa Joudrie

Director, Renewable Resources and Environment