



November 30th, 2007

The Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
10 Wellington Street.
Hull, Quebec
K1A 0H4

Dear Minister Strahl,

**Re: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on
the Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Mineral Exploration Program**

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is pleased to submit the attached Report of Environmental Assessment on the proposed Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Mineral Exploration Program (EA0506-005).

The Review Board recommends, pursuant to section 128(1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, that the development be allowed to proceed subject to implementation of the measures specified to prevent predicted significant impacts.

In conducting this environmental assessment, the Review Board noted that several of the predicted impacts may have been reduced or avoided had there been an approved Land Use Plan for the region. The Review Board urges the Minister to settle the Akaitcho land claim as soon as possible so that important environmental management tools such as a formal Land Use Plan may be developed. The Review Board believes that doing so would best serve the interests of both Aboriginal peoples and potential developers.

If you have any questions regarding this report please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott".

Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott
Chairperson

Attachment