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Re: JOINT PROCESS / SCHEDULE EXTENSION - DRYBONES / WOOL BAY.

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Re: Status of Environmental Assessments for the Drybones/Wool Bay Area

At the Review Board's meeting on August 7, 2003, the status of environmental assessments for Consolidated Goldwin Ventures (CGV), North American General Resources Corporation, New Shoshoni Ventures (NSV) and Snowfield Development Corporation (SDC) were reviewed. The Review Board determined the need for a joint process to examine potential cumulative effects of Drybones/Wool Bay developments together based on their geographic proximity and the potential for coordinated planning.

Written expressions of concern from the Parties and the late submissions of the Developer's Assessment Reports from CGV, NAGRC, and NSV have prompted the Review Board to grant one final extension. One component of the extension is fixed. The Review Board has decided that the Report of Environmental Assessment for these developments will be issued 11 working days after the previously scheduled release date (no earlier than November 28, 2003).

The second part of the extension is flexible. The Review Board decided that the completion of the Cumulative Effects Study will be extended based upon the latest submission of the Developer's Assessment Report for the Drybones/Wool Bay area. For each day past the deadline for submitting the Developer's Assessment Report, one day will be added to the Cumulative Effects Study. All associated steps of the environmental assessment processes (i.e., participant comments on the Cumulative Effects Study and the Public Hearing) will be adjusted accordingly. The Parties will be sent a revised schedule upon receipt of the Developer's Assessment Reports that identifies the new deadlines.



This extension has been granted to ensure that all Parties benefit from the additional time. The Review Board has made this decision to allow:

- The Review Board to thoroughly scope the issues of concern and to design a fair process for the Public Hearing through the addition of a Pre-Hearing Conference (the date of which is contingent upon the receipt of Developer's Assessment Reports); and,
- Provide parties with more time to submit information for the Cumulative Effects Study.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 867-766-7063.

Sincerely, *

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Sian".

Sherry Sian

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