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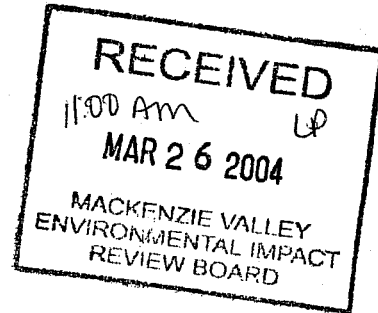


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Mr. Todd Burlingame
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental
Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

As the federal Minister, and on behalf of the Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to this development, I am writing to convey the decision on the recommendation contained in the Report of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Preliminary Diamond Exploration in Drybones Bay, which was submitted by the Review Board on February 10, 2004.

After reviewing and considering the Report, pursuant to section 130(1)(b)(I) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), the Responsible Ministers and I have agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Review Board made under section 128(1)(b)(ii) of the MVRMA.

I wish to thank the Board for discharging its duties under the MVRMA in this matter.

Sincerely,

Andy Mitchell

c.c.: The Honourable Geoff Regan, PC, MP
The Honourable David Anderson, PC, MP
The Honourable Brendan Bell, MLA

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