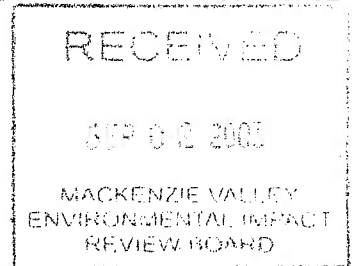




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Your file - Votre référence

Our file - Notre référence

Dear Ms. Sian:

Re: Comments for the Drybones/Wool Bay Developments - Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resources Corp. And New Shoshoni Ventures

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has two general comments on the Developers' Assessments Reports (DARs) for the Drybones/Wool Bay Developments:

- New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.'s operations would be carried out in close proximity to an existing Crown Lease, located on the southeast side of Drybones Bay. The proponent must ensure its activities do not encroach on the leased land, unless prior approval to use the leased land has been granted, and;
- Based on the information presented, the above noted projects reflect temporary land use activities which do not require formal Crown land tenure. Should the location or main activities change substantially from what has been presented and or approved, INAC would recommend that this information be reviewed by the Mackenzie Land and Water Board.

INAC is of the opinion that the above comments can be addressed during the regulatory phase and the permitting process.

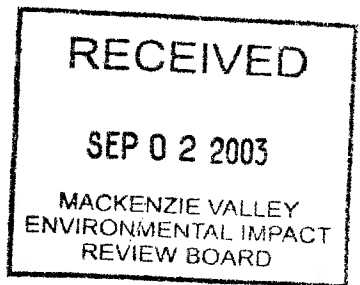
INAC would like to thank the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) for the opportunity to comment on the DARs for the Drybones/Wool Bay Developments and we look forward to reviewing the cumulative effects study later in the process. If you require clarification on our comments please contact either Lionel Marcinkski, at 669-2591, Miki Promislow, at 669-2616, or Fraser Fairman at 669-2587.

Sincerely,

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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Ms. Sian

EA-03-002, EA-03-003, EA-03-004

Comments on Drybones/Wool Bay Developer's Assessment Reports:

The Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the Developers Assessment Reports for the Drybones/Wool Bay diamond exploration projects and has the following comments or concerns.

Archaeological Sites

Although three archaeological sites have been recorded, there has never previously been a systematic archaeological survey conducted in the Drybones/Wool Bay area. However, due to the extensive record of traditional land use in the Drybones/Wool Bay area, we expect that the potential for locating additional archaeological sites in the area is extremely high, and any development in the area, unless conducted on ice exclusively, has the potential to disturb archaeological sites. From our meetings with the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) we also understand that there are numerous significant and sensitive cultural sites in the area. Callum Thomson, a professional archaeologist, was issued a permit this year to conduct, in collaboration with the YKDFN, an archaeological survey of the Drybones/Wool Bay area.

According to the legislated terms governing the issuance of permits in the NWT, Mr. Thomson is not required to submit a report until March 31, 2004. Given the circumstances GNWT staff will encourage him to submit a report earlier, but he will need time to analyze his findings from this summer's work. Consequently, GNWT staff wish to defer our final comments on the Developer's Assessment Reports until we have had an opportunity to review Mr. Thomson's report.

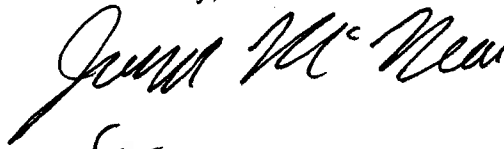


The Government of the Northwest Territories would like to remind the Mackenzie Environmental Impact Review Board that Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulation pursuant to the MVRMA states that ;

6 (a). Unless expressly authorized by a permit or in writing by an inspector, no permittee shall conduct a land use operation within 30 m of a known monument or a known or **suspected** historical, archaeological site or burial ground;

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding the above, please contact Jason McNeill, Environmental Assessment Officer at 920-8071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gavin More". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

For

Gavin More
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Policy, Legislation Communication
RWED, GNWT.

C. Tom Andrews
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