

Sherry Sian

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Subject: INAC's Pre-Hearing Conference Worksheet



PreHearing
Conference Worksheet

Hello Sherry:

Please find attached, INAC's Pre-Hearing Conference Worksheet, for the Proposed Diamond Exploration in Drybones/Wool Bay. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Cheers Fraser

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Pre-Hearing Conference Worksheet

Proposed Diamond Exploration in Drybones/Wool Bay by Consolidated Goldwin Ventures, North American General Resource Corp., and New Shoshoni Ventures

i. Party/Intervenor:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) - NWT Region.

ii. Name(s) of Representatives:

David Livingstone -Director, Renewable Resources and Environment, Fraser Fairman and Lionel Marcinkoski -Environment and Conservation, Buddy Williams -Land Administration , Mike Byrne - Mineral Resources, Caroline Dennill -Aboriginal and Territorial Relations, David Milburn and Rebecca Chouinard -Water Resources, Ed Hornby -Operations Division, and Carla Conkin -Department of Justice.

iii. Issues to be Addressed at the Public Hearing:

1) Will the currently proposed activities by the 'Developers' have any "unmitigatable" significant adverse impacts on the environment in the Drybones/Wool Bay areas? If so, to what extent can development proceed with recommended mitigation/mitigation strategies? If not, then what are the outstanding issues?

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has additional issues that need to be clarified prior to the start of the Public Hearings. However, based on an e-mail dated October 31st, 2003, from Ms. Sherry Sian, INAC will be sending in a Request for Ruling to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). Answers to these questions, which will be formally submitted the week of November 3rd, 2003, are required to provide INAC with clarification to the Environmental Assessment (EA) Process for the Drybones/Wool Bay Areas' Projects. INAC has, on September 17th, 2003, and on October 24th, 2003, already provided the Review Board with these comments on the EA Process, however, they are included again in this Worksheet to highlight our concerns. Other parties have expressed similar concerns with the EA process, specifically with the CE Study and its relation to the three EAs.

Questions INAC has include, but are not limited to, the following:

How will the Review Board use the CE Study in relation to the three EA 's?

Since this is a new process, with a CE Study conducted by the Review Board, with one Public Hearing to assess three separate EA's, how will the Review Board reconcile its decision making process? Will the Review Board be combining the three EAs in any respect or will they treat the EA's separately and on their own merits? Can the Review Board explain/clarify this new process?

How will the Snowfield Development Corporation factor into the Public Hearing, if at all? Will this EA be dealt with separately?

iv) Disputed Issues:

Issues over which there is a dispute	Efforts made to reach agreement	Describe why issue was not resolved	Resolution requested by the Review Board
None.			

v. Documents Required of Other Parties:

None.

vi. Expert Witness(es) to be Used, if any:

None.

vii. Technical Requirements for the Public Hearings:

None.

viii. Other Requirements at the Public Hearings (I.e., translation, etc.):

None.