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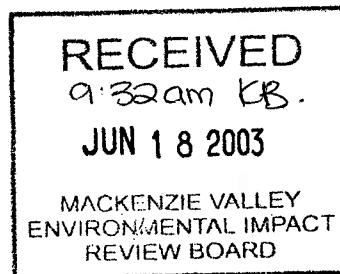
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ATTENTION: Vern Christensen,
Executive Director

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Dear Sirs:

RE: DRYBONES BAY/WOOL BAY
CUMULATIVE EFFECTS TERMS OF REFERENCE

We wish to confirm that we are Counsel for the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and specifically the Land and Environment Department. We have previously received from your offices draft Terms of Reference and a Schedule for the general Cumulative Effects Assessment of the Drybone Bay/Wool Bay area.

Concurrently with the issuance of that document, the Land and Environment Department has engaged a Consultant, to prepare and propose an alternative method of completing the Cumulative Effects Assesement that would involve the full cooperation of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, with the First Nation Personnell doing much of the work. We have retained Terra Firma Consultants to complete the proposal which we understand will be available the week of June 23rd.

As a result we would appreciate your delaying any further work on the process until that proposal has been received.

We trust this is satisfactory and thank you for your cooperation herein.

Yours truly,
GALBRAITH EMPSON

per: GREG C. EMPSON

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