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From: Kris Johnson Date: June 26, 2003

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COMMENTS:

Please accept our request to be given Directly Affected Party status on the following three environmental assessments, Shoshoni Ventures Diamond Exploration, Consolidated Ventures Inc., And North American General Resources Corp's.

I have also enclosed my initial review of the TOR for these EA.
I will be out of the office from June 27, 2003 till July 4, 2003, if you require further assistance please contact Janell Dautel

Thank you,
Kris Johnson

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June 25, 2003

Attn: Sherry Sian

Re: NSMA response to party status request for EA of New Shoshoni Ventures Diamond Exploration at Drybones Bay.

Dear Sherry Sian

Please find attached the NSMA response to the MVEIRB's letter dated June 25, 2003 requesting our eligibility and reason for requesting Directly Affected Party status (Section 5).

The North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) is recognized as a First Nation organization by the MVEIRB and the Environmental Assessment that is under review falls within our land use area, thus we are request Directly Affected Party status. We anticipate partaking in all information requests/ exchanges, technical reviews, and proceedings for this EA.

Please use the following contact information
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Yours truly,

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Identification of Environmental Assessment Roles

Review Board File: EA-03-004 New Shoshoni Ventures at Drybones Bay

Please read the Review Board's *Rules of Procedure for Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Review Proceedings (RoP)* and Section 111 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)* prior to completing this form.

New Shoshoni Ventures does not have to respond as the developer is automatically afforded status as a Directly Affected Party. Consultants retained by the Review Board will automatically be afforded status as Specialist Advisors.

If there are any questions, please contact Sherry Sian, Environmental Assessment Officer, at (867) 766-7063 or ssian@mveirb.nt.ca.

Please e-mail or fax (867-766-7074) the completed form to Sherry Sian by Friday July 4th.

Section 1 – Designated Regulatory Agency

Please indicate whether or not your agency is a Designated Regulatory Agency in accordance with s.111 of the *MVRMA*.

Designated Regulatory Agency Status: Yes No

If yes, please describe the license(s), permit(s) or other authorization(s) required from your agency for this development to proceed.

Section 2 – Regulatory Authority

Please indicate whether or not your department or agency is a Regulatory Authority in accordance with s.111 of the *MVRMA*.

Regulatory Authority Status: Yes No

If yes, please describe the license(s), permit(s) or other authorization(s) required from your department or agency for this development to proceed under any federal or territorial law.

Section 3 - Responsible Minister

Please indicate whether or not your department is a Responsible Minister in accordance with s.111 of the *MVRMA*. Note that it is not necessary to issue a license, permit or other authorization to be classified as a Responsible Minister.

Responsible Minister Status:

Yes

No

If yes, please describe your jurisdiction in relation to the development under federal or territorial law.

Section 4 - Rules of Procedure Classifications

Please select **one** of the classifications listed below that indicate the status that you or your department, agency or organization are requesting in this environmental assessment before the Review Board. **Do not select more than one classification. See Note 1 at the end of the form.**

- Directly Affected Party (proceed to Section 5)
 Intervener (proceed to Section 6)
 Member of the Public (proceed to Section 7)
 None of the Above (proceed to Section 8)

Section 5 - Directly Affected Party

Please describe your eligibility and reason for requesting status as a Directly Affected Party, the role that you intend to play in this EA and the information that you anticipate submitting to the Review Board (i.e. general comments, information requests, technical reviews). Proceed to Section 8 after completing this section.

Section 6 - Intervener

Please describe your reason for requesting status as an Intervener, the role that you intend to play in this EA and the information that you anticipate submitting to the Review Board (i.e. general comments, information requests, technical reviews). Proceed to Section 8 after completing this section.

Section 7 - Member of the Public

Please describe your reason for requesting status as a Member of the Public, the role that you intend to play in this EA and the information that you anticipate submitting to the Review Board.

Section 8 - Contact Information

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Note 1:

There is no difference between the rights or obligations associated with the classifications of Directly Affected Party or Intervener. The two groups are together referred to as Parties in the Rules of Procedure. As such, there is no need to request status under both classifications.

An important distinction between a Member of the Public and the other two classifications is that a Member of the Public cannot issue or receive information requests or be cross-examined on evidence provided to the Review Board.

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Sherry Sian
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June 23, 2003

Re: NSMA comments and suggestions on New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. draft Terms of Reference

Dear Sherry,

After an initial review of the Draft Terms of Reference for New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.'s (NSV) proposed exploration in Drybones Bay the North Slave Metis Alliance has identified three main areas of concern.

First and foremost, the NSMA request the scope of the development include, in detail, future plans for any additional exploration or mine development should the claims being sampled prove to be diamond bearing. This is of our greatest concern because, as we all know, the ultimate goal of diamond exploration is to locate profitable diamond sources for mine development. As the Drybones Bay is a traditional land use areas of the North Slave Metis our concern is a mine will be proposed in the area as a direct result of the diamond exploration planned by NSV. Thus, the NSMA request the scope of the development be expanded to include any future development plans for the area should the proposed exploration prove NSV's suspicions that they have discovered a new diamond field.

Second, the work plan schedule proposed does not provide sufficient time for our organization to thoroughly review and comment on materials produced during this Environmental Assessment. Due to the rapid rate of development in the North Slave region it is becoming increasingly difficult for the North Slave Metis Alliance to review, consult and respond to developments proposed within our traditional land use area. Furthermore, the summer season is a very busy time of year for the North Slave Metis and many of our members who we will need to consult about the proposed development and the ensuing environmental assessment are out on the land or are currently working on other projects. Given the current capacity of the NSMA we cannot adequately assess the impact of the proposed development on the environment or the North Slave

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Metis people without having adequate time to do so. As a result, we request the work plan be extended in the following areas:


- An additional 20 days is required to adequately review the Terms of References.
- An additional 20 days is needed to review and make comments on the revised TOR that result from the scope of the development having to be expanded to include future exploration and mine development plans.
- An additional 60 days to adequately review and comment on the Developer's Assessment Report.
- An additional 40 days to adequately review and comment on the Cumulative Effects Assessment Report.

The NSMA feel the requested work plan changes are reasonable considering the rate of development occurring within our traditional lands, the potential for these developments to have significant environmental and cumulative impacts, and our organizations human and financial resources to deal with new developments.

Finally, the NSMA require funding to remain adequately informed and to continue participating in this EA process. As mentioned at the beginning of this letter, the NSMA have only conducted an initial review of the TOR for the NAGRC exploration EA. In order for a thorough review of the TOR we require funding. The NSMA do not currently have any funding to deal with EAs and this EA will further strain our limited resources to the point we cannot afford to participate or remain adequately consulted. We request the MVEIRB establish a fund to help organizations such as the NSMA participate in this and other environmental assessment processes. Without immediate funding the NSMA do not have the resources to remain adequately informed and consulted about the proposed project.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,



Kris Johnson
Land & Resource Coordinator
North Slave Métis Alliance