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Re: Cumulative Effects Submission for CGV and NSV (EA-03-002 and EA-03-004)

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Monday, October 6, 2003

BY EMAIL

RE: MV2003C0003 Land Use Permit Application

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

And

RE: MV2003C0016 Land Use Permit Application

New Shoshoni Ventures Inc.

Dear Ms. Sian,

With respect to your request for our analysis of the potential cumulative effects, I have had discussions with our environmental consultant (EBA Engineering) and am confining my comments to answering the seven (7) questions that crystallize the issues raised.

Question 1. "*Do you disagree with any of the Valued Components identified?*" No
"*...detailed reasons....*" The Valued Component identified are appropriate. These are the ones that have been identified as being important to YKDFN, NSM and everyone else.

Question 2. "*Do you agree with the activities in the consultant's study?*" Yes
"*...detailed reasons....*" Most of the specific activities of greatest relevance today were provided by each of us in our DAR's.

Question 3. "*Do you consider the list of potential cumulative effects to be complete?*" Yes
"*...detailed reasons....*" The list of potential cumulative effects is very complete. No others are suggested.

Question 4. "*Which cumulative effects predictions do you agree with or disagree with?*"
"*Please explain....*" I could not find where Gartner Lee may have made predictions on possible cumulative effects. Table 17 (p64) identifies potential cumulative effects. If that what you are referring to those potentials are fine, but some are a bit of a stretch for our programs, e.g. greenhouse gases.

Question 5. "*Do you consider the information sources to be complete?*" Information sources will always be incomplete but the sources used are okay for this exercise.
"*What other sources....?*" The regulators know what they are but they are not needed for this exercise.

"*How would this information have changed the cumulative effects predictions?*"
I could not find where Gartner Lee may have made predictions on possible cumulative effects but do not believe any change would be necessary.

Question 6. "*Will you commit to any of mitigative measures...proposed to avoid or reduce potential effects?*" The mitigative measures you are asking us to commit to are those which we have already identified, many of which are also required by regulation.

Question 7. "*Please indicate if there are any additional mitigative measures...*" Answered in 6 above.

Even with the material identified in the GL report, both Consolidated Goldwin Ventures and New Shoshoni Ventures individually and collectively still state that most of our activities will not contribute to a potential cumulative effect and none of our activities will contribute to a significant cumulative effect. This is also what we have already stated in our DARs and any followup information that we have submitted.

I understand that Snowfield has submitted a more detailed analysis of their footprint which again indicates a 0.05% "impact" of their total land holdings which are almost all on land. A direct analysis of the impact, for Cons. Goldwin and New Shoshoni, given that most of their operations are on lake ice would probably come up with a similar or smaller footprint. The same conclusion however remains that there is negligible residual environmental effects.

Trusting this answers your requested analysis.

Sincerely

"Laurence Stephenson"

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