



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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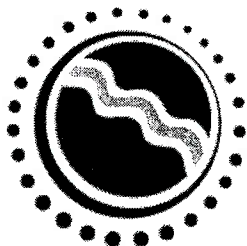
Re: New Directly Affected Party - Deninu K'ue First Nation (EA-03-002, EA-03-003, EA-03-004, EA-03-006)

NOTES:

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Our File: EA-03-002
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October 7, 2003

Mr. Patrick Simon
Deninu K-ue First Nation
P.O. Box 1899
Ft. Resolution NT X0E 0M0

Dear Mr. Simon;

Re: Directly Affected Party Status for the Environmental Assessments of Consolidated Goldwin Ventures (EA-03-002), North American General Corp. (EA-03-003), New Shoshoni Ventures (EA-03-004), and Snowfield Development Corp. (EA-03-006)

On September 30, 2003 the Review Board considered and approved the Deninu K-ue First Nation's (DKFN) request for directly affected party in the above noted environmental assessments (EAs). This decision was based on the information provided about DKFN land use in the vicinity of the proposed developments and the proximity of Fort Resolution to the affected area.

The threshold for directly affected party status is a low one and this decision reflects the importance attached by the Review Board to an inclusive approach to community and first nation involvement in its EA processes. We caution, however, that directly affected party status in a Review Board EA is not intended to have any effect or be relevant to external processes such as the negotiation of Impact Benefit Agreements, Interim Measures Agreements or Treaty Negotiations.

As these EAs are already underway, please ensure that you are aware of critical deadlines. Should you have any questions about the process, please contact me at 867-766-7063.

Sincerely, -

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Sian".

Sherry Sian
Environmental Assessment Officer