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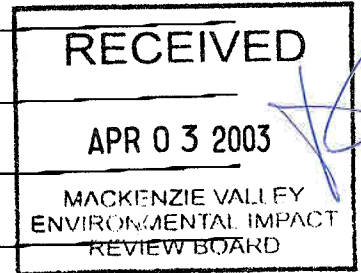
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Attached for your review and comments

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Dear Sir/Madame:

Land Use Permit Application
New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd., MV2003C0016
Mineral Exploration, Drybones Bay

Attached for your review and comments is the aforementioned land use application. Your comments will be used in the evaluation and Preliminary Screening of this application.

Please submit your comments in writing by **April 29, 2003** quoting Land Use Permit MV2003C0016. Should you find that additional time is required to complete further studies or investigations, contact me prior to this date.

If you have any questions regarding the land use application, contact me at (867) 669-0506 or email mvlwbpermit@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Laurie Cordell", written over a horizontal line.

Laurie Cordell
Regulatory Officer

Attachment

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Others

Tyler Hicks, IT Specialist, MVLWB

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31 March 2003

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Application #

MU200300076

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find my application for a Class A land use permit with respect to certain mineral claims at Drybones Bay, some 70 km southeast of Yellowknife. A cheque for \$150.00 to cover fees is attached. Included are location maps and additional information. As required 12 copies are provided.

The various First Nations organizations contacts, as per the list provided by your office, have been advised that this application would be submitted. A copy of the letter of introduction is provided. A log will be kept of further consultations with these groups and will be forwarded to you.

I have been in contact with Emily Hawkins of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in regard to archaeological sites. Three sites have been identified. A Licence Agreement to Access these locations will be submitted this week. I have included one copy of the correspondence in this regard for your information.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. Should any further information be required please contact me at 873-1542, 920-2505 Fax, or mbraden@theedge.ca.

Yours truly,



Max Braden
 For New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.
 Cc: Ralf Hillebrand, NSV
 David R. Smith



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Application for:
New Land Use Permit

Amendment

or Renewal

1. Applicant's name and mailing address: NEW SHOSHONI VENTURES LTD 604-475 HOWE STREET VANCOUVER, B.C. V6C 2B3	Fax number: 604-682-1666
2. Head office address: AS ABOVE Field supervisor: MAX BRADEN Radiotelephone: 1-600-701-2614 (CAMP SATPHONE)	Telephone number: 604-682-1643 Fax number: 867-920-2505 Telephone number: 867-873-1542
3. Other personnel (subcontractor, contractors, company staff etc.) SEE APPENDIX A TOTAL: 15 (Number of persons on site)	
4. Eligibility: (Refer to section 18 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations) SEE ATTACHED LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FROM MR. DAVID SMITH. MINERAL CLAIMS DRYBONES 1 F16604 2 F33611 3 F33613 CURRENTLY BEING TAKEN TO LEASE a)(i) a)(ii) X a)(iii) b)(i) b)(ii)	
5. a) Summary of operation (Describe purpose, nature and location of all activities.) AIRBORNE & GROUND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS ON CLAIM BLOCK. LINECUTTING FOR SURVEYS WHEN NECESSARY. ROCK AND TILL SAMPLING ON CLAIM BLOCK. DIAMOND DRILLING NO (1 1/2" DIAM CORE). REVERSE CIRCULATION DRILL FOR SAMPLING PURPOSES. PLEASE REFER TO MAP WITH PROPOSED DRILL HOLES PLOTTED. b) Please indicate if a camp is to be set up. (Please provide details on a separate page, if necessary.) EXISTING CAMP UNDER STORAGE PERMIT TO BE USED. REFERENCE: N1779C0104 D.SMITH	

6. Summary of potential environmental and resource impacts (describe the effects of the proposed land-use operation on land, water, flora & fauna and related socio-economic impacts). Use separate page if necessary.)

ANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS EXPECTED TO BE MINIMAL. WHILE MOST OF THE PROPOSED DRILLING IS TO BE DONE FROM THE LAKE SHORE SOME NEW TRAILS MAY HAVE TO BE CUT TO ACCESS INLAND SITES. EXISTING TRAILS WILL BE UTILIZED WHEREVER POSSIBLE. LINE CUTTING FOR GEO PHYSICAL SURVEYS WOULD ONLY BE AS WIDE FOR SINGLE PERSON PASSAGE.

7. Proposed restoration plan (please use a separate page if necessary).

DRILL SITES CLEANED AS PROGRAM PROGRESSES. GARBAGE BURNED AND/OR REMOVED TO YELLOWKNIFE. EMPTY FUEL DRUMS REMOVED TO YELLOWKNIFE. TENT FRAME STRUCTURES AND ANY OTHER MATERIALS TO BE REMOVED PRIOR TO EXPIRY OF PERMIT.

8. Other rights, licences or permits related to this permit application (mineral rights, timber permits, water licences, etc.)

REFER TO ATTACHED LETTER FROM D. SMITH

Roads: Is this to be a pioneered road? Has the route been laid out or ground truthed? NO
IF AND AS REQUIRED. DETAILS TO BE PROVIDED AS ACQUIRED.

9. Proposed disposal methods.

- a) Garbage: BURNED AND/OR REMOVED TO YELLOWKNIFE
- b) Sewage (Sanitary & Grey Water): LATRINE PIT GREY WATER TO SUMP
- c) Brush & trees: CUT & PILE
- d) Overburden (Organic soils, waste material, etc.): DRILL CUTTINGS DEPOSITED IN NATURAL DEPRESSION

10. Equipment (includes drills, pumps, etc.) (Please use separate page if necessary.)

Type & number	Size	Proposed use
BOYCES 2.5A DRILL OR EQUIVALENT (1)	9000 lbs	DIABOND COEDRILLING.
NODWELL FN110 TRAC VEH. (1)	35,000 lbs.	DRILL MOVEMENT & SUPPORT.
SKID MOUNTED PUMP STACK (1)	5000 lbs	WATER SUPPLY FOR DRILL
SKIDDOO'S (3)	500 lbs	TRANSPORTATION.
4x4 CREW CAB PICKUP (2)	5500 lbs	" & SAFETY.
VACUUM TRUCK (1)	20,000 lbs.	IF REQUIRED FOR REMOVAL OF DRILL CUTTINGS.
REVERSE CIRCULATION DRILL (1)	40,000 lbs.	SAMPLING

11. Fuels	()	Number of containers	Capacity of containers	Location
Diesel		UP TO 30	205 ltr.	CAMP & DRILL
Gasoline		2	205 ltr.	CAMP
Aviation fuel		4	205 ltr.	CAMP
Propane		6	100 lb.	CAMP & DRILL
Other				

12. Containment fuel spill contingency plans. (Please attach separate contingency plan if necessary).
2 SPILL KITS FOR CAMP AND DRILL. ADDITIONAL BUNDLES OF ABSORBENT PADS AT EACH LOCATION TRANSFER MATERIALS TO SECURE CONTAINERS, SEE CONTINGENCY PLAN!

13. Methods of fuel transfer (to other tanks, vehicles, etc.)
WOBBLE PUMP AND/OR ELECTRIC FUEL PUMP

14. Period of operation (includes time to cover all phases of project work applied for, including restoration)
JUNE 20 - SEPT 30, 2003
JAN 20 - MARCH 31, 2005

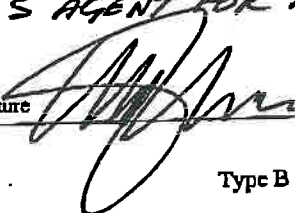
15. Period of permit (up to five years, with maximum of two years of extension).
5 YEARS

16. Location of activities by map co-ordinates (attached maps and sketches)

Minimum latitude (degree, minute)	62° 07'	Maximum latitude (degree, minute)	62° 10'
Minimum longitude (degree, minute)	113° 46'	Maximum longitude (degree, minute)	113° 52'

Map Sheet no. **BSI 4**

17. Applicant
 Print name in full **MAX BRADEN, AS AGENT FOR NEW SHOSHONI VENTURES LTD.**

Signature  Date **MARCH 2003**

18. Fees

Type A - \$150.00	Type B - \$150.00
Land use fee: _____ hectares @ \$50.00/hectare	\$ 150.00
Assignment fee \$50.00	\$ _____
Total application and land use fees	\$ 150.00

Appendix A

**New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.
Application for New Land Use Permit Drybones Bay
Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board**

Section 3 of Application: Other personnel:

Depending on the time of year and other considerations the following personnel and contractor / sub contractor could be utilized:

**Transportation: Air Tindi Ltd., Great Slave Helicopters Ltd., Arctic Sunwest Charters Ltd.,
East Arm Freighting Ltd., Weatherby Trucking Ltd., Robinsons Enterprises Ltd.,
A. Buckley, Summit Air Ltd.**

**Diamond Drilling: Discovery Diamond Drilling Ltd., Major Midwest Drilling Ltd., Connors
Drilling Ltd., Midnight Sun Drilling Ltd.**

Camp & Expediting: Discovery Mining Services Ltd.

**Geophysical Surveys: Cassidy Point Exploration Services Ltd.
Northern Geophysics Ltd.**

Technical: As required on contract basis.

Camp attendant, cook and support personel to be hired locally.

Local suppliers will be utilized on an as need basis for camp supplies, fuel requirements etc.

David Smith
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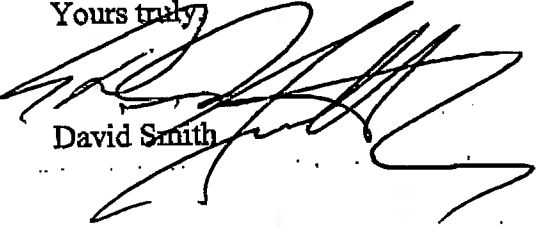
Dear Sir

I am the holder of mineral claims Drybones 1, 2, & 3 (F16604, F33611, F33613) located at Drybones Bay some 70 km southeast of Yellowknife. (NTS 85-I-4)

I have entered into an option agreement with New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. of Vancouver B.C. to undertake further exploration work on the property. Consequently they will be submitting an application for a land use permit for the area to your office in the near future.

Please accept this letter as my permission for New Shoshoni to apply for a permit in their name on the above claims.

Yours truly


David Smith

New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.

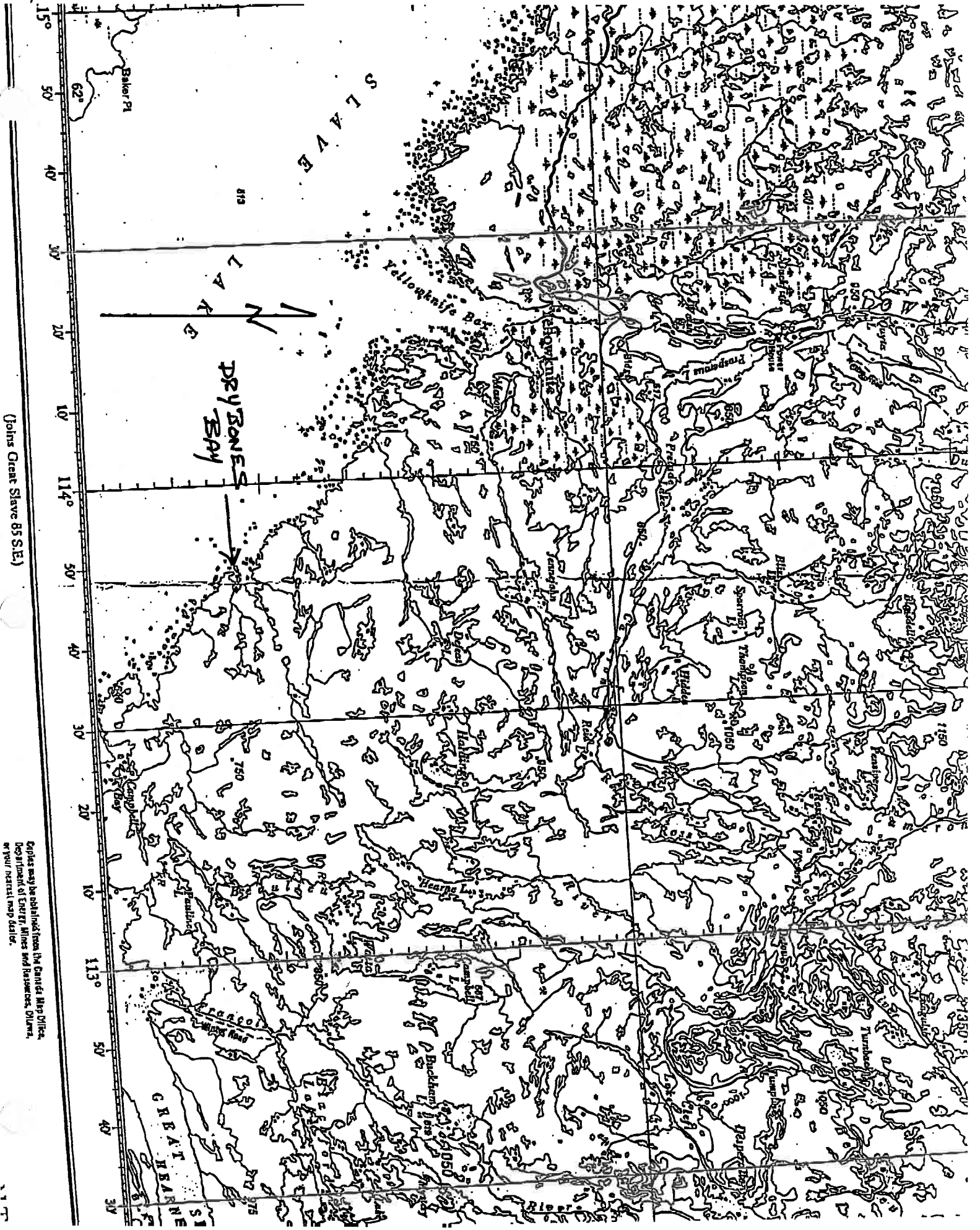
Spill Contingency Plan

In the event of a spill of any type of fuel, oil product or any other hazardous material these procedures will be followed, subject to the safety of all personal involved in the operation:

1. Determine the source and if possible prevent any further spillage from occurring, such as closing valves, shutting down equipment, plugging source of leak.
2. Identify any possible sources of ignition and remove or disable them.
3. Contain the spill and if able begin clean up to minimize any further hazard and or damage.
4. Report the spill to the 24 Hour Spill Report Line 867-920-8130.
5. Determine if additional materials, equipment and manpower are required to deal with the situation and arrange for same.
6. Complete clean up and remove contaminated materials to proper disposal facility.
7. Should contaminated materials have to be dealt with on site this will only be done with the knowledge, approval and if necessary the direction of the proper government authorities.
8. A written report will be filed with the necessary departments.

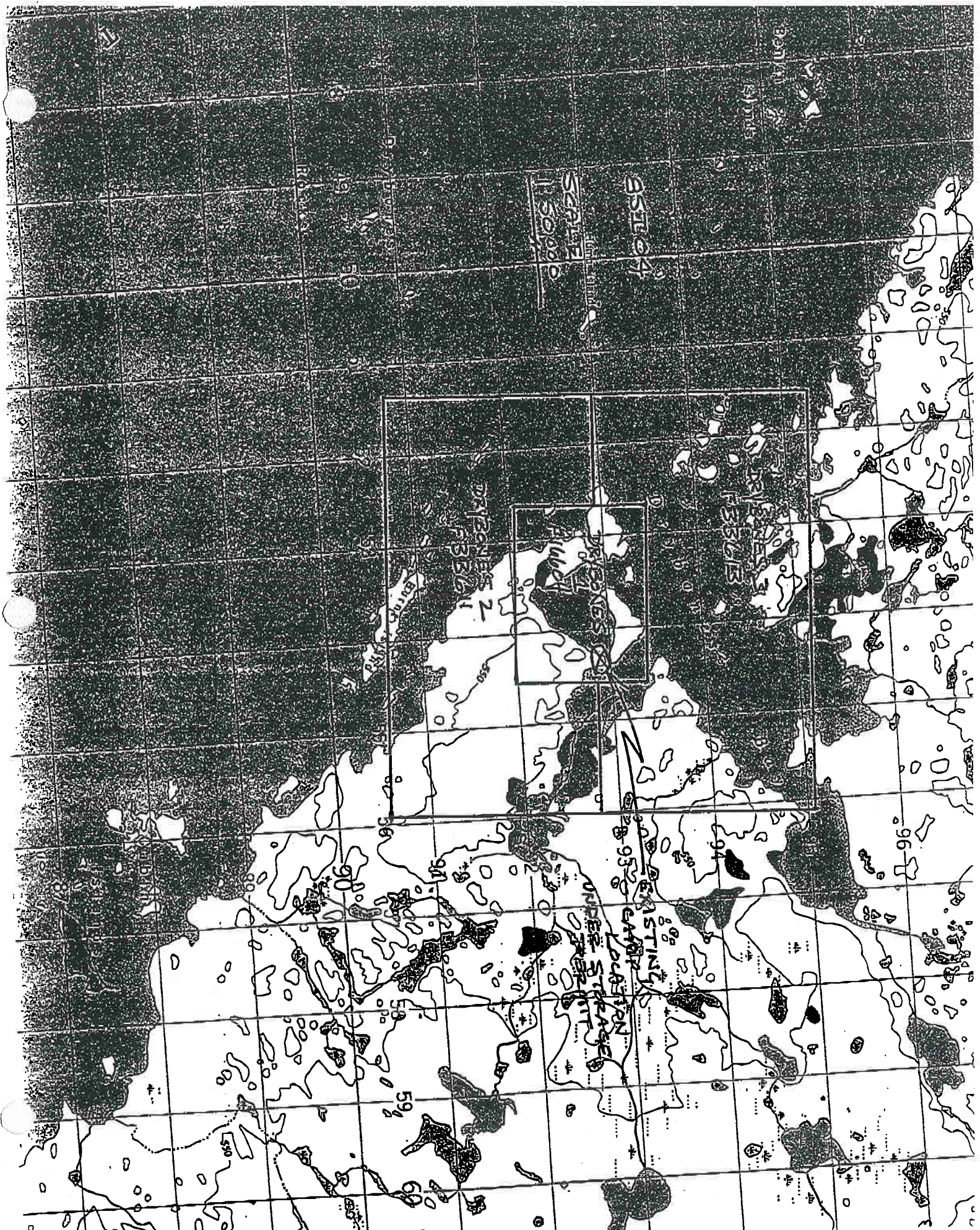
For the purposes of the planned exploration program the largest volume of fuel in a single container will be 205 liters Drill additives which may be of a hazardous nature will be in 20 liter pails.

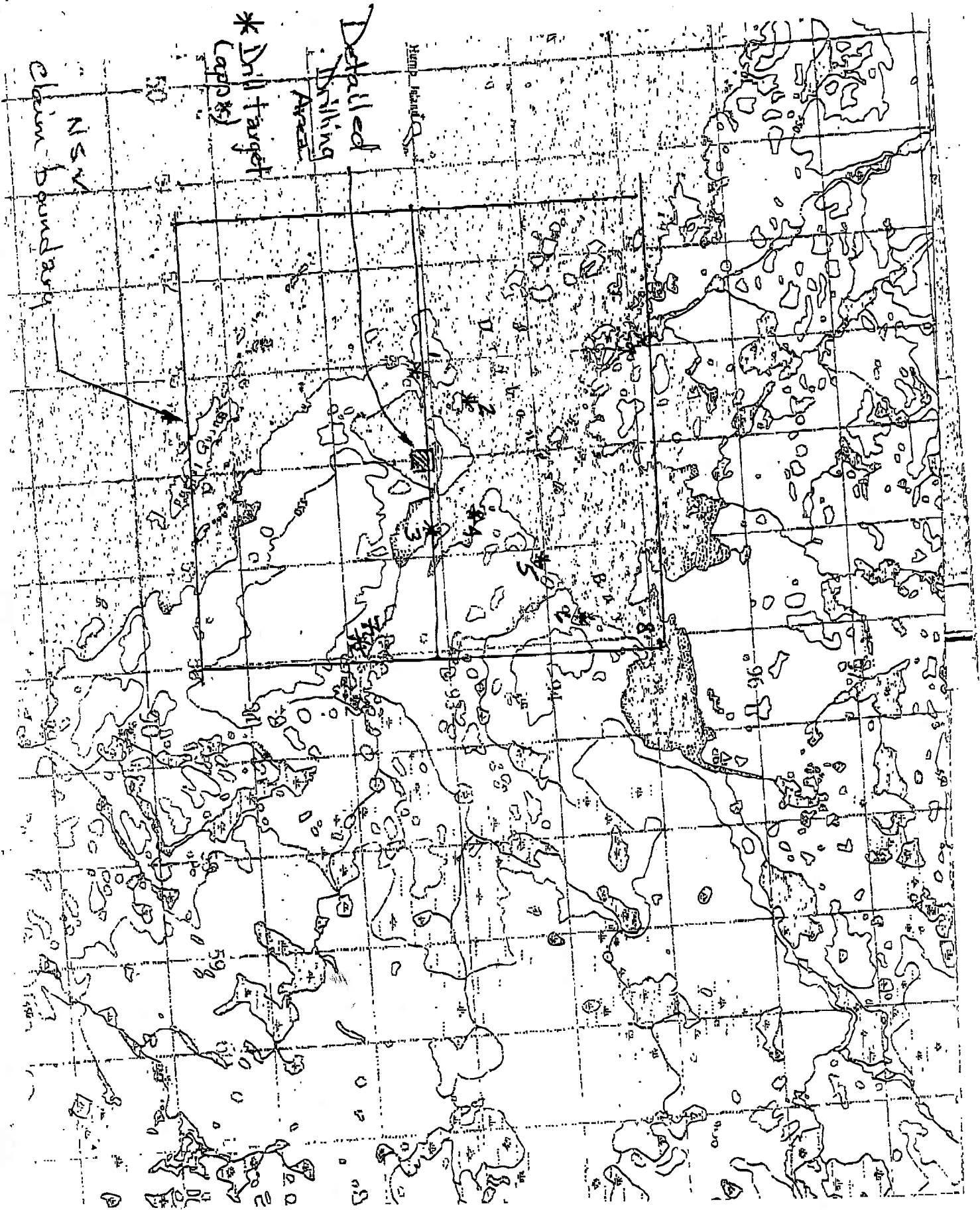
Material Safety Data Sheets are on file and will be kept on hand at the campsite.



(Johns Great Slave 85 S.E.)

Copies may be obtained from the Canada Map Office, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa, or your nearest map dealer.







Aerial view of existing camp under storage permit at Drybones Bay, from south looking approximately NNE.
Drill core from previous programs can be seen to the left, generator shack is in the foreground, followed by dry, kitchen and sleeping tent frames. Beyond that are 3 more 14 x 16 tent frames.

New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.
Drybones Land Use Application
First Nations Consultation Contacts as provided by MVLWB.

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New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.
Drybones Bay Land Use Application

Section 14: Period of Operation

Section 15: Period of Permit

As outlined in the main body of the application for year 1 of the program, similar work is planned for the succeeding years of 2004 to the expiration of the permit in 2007. If a permit extension is required this will be requested prior to the expiry of the existing permit.

If a new permit is required this will be applied for prior to the expiry of the existing permit.

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Dear Ms. Meemeh

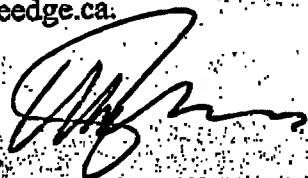
This letter is to inform you that New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd. will be submitting in the next week, an application to the Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board for a Class A land use permit.

The permit is required to conduct further exploration work in the Drybones Bay area, some 70 kilometers southwest of Yellowknife. The company has recently optioned the mineral property. Please refer to the attached map for detail.

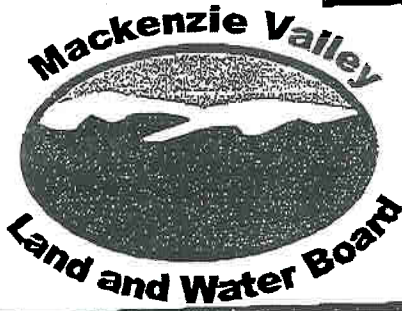
It is my understanding that the Board, upon receipt of the application, will be forwarding more information to you.

If you have any questions please contact me at 867-873-1542, Fax 920-2505 or mbraden@theedge.ca.

Yours truly,



Max Braden
for New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd.



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Application # 1000-20-020

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Dear Mr. Minister:

Re: Drybones Bay Mining Development

I write to you with our concerns for development that is occurring in Akaitcho Territory without consultation with or the consent of the Deninu K'ue First Nation regarding treaty rights.

Mining exploration development is underway in the vicinity of Drybones Bay, on Great Slave Lake, in the middle of Akaitcho Territory, in an area that we of the Deninu K'ue First Nation have used to exercise our treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather for generations. A permit has recently been issued by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board in relation to this development. There are a number of other applications for permits for mining exploration purposes in the same area currently before the Board. There has been no consultation by representatives of your department with the Deninu K'ue First Nation regarding impacts and infringements of the development or proposed developments on the treaty rights of members of our First Nation.

Furthermore, the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations, of which we are a member, have been engaged in the process of preparing schedules to the Interim Measures Agreement under the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations Framework Agreement to allow for the pre-screening of applications regarding land and water use in Akaitcho Territory. Officials of your department are actively involved in the preparation of these schedules. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is well aware of this process and the importance of this process to the Akaitcho First Nations.

However, both your department and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board are ignoring this process and are authorizing and allowing development to proceed in Akaitcho Territory without consultation regarding treaty rights, and without our consent.



NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation

Head Office: Deninu Kue, Resolution

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TO: Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board

FAX NUMBER: 873-6610

FROM: Jennifer Goulet, Administrative Assistant

DATE: April 2, 2003

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RE: 01 April 03 - letter to Ministry Reault

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY

NOTES/COMMENTS:

* Please distribute the following letter to your board members.

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Dear Mrs. McLeod,

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) recently denied Land Use Permit MV2002C0083 to Mr. David Smith for Mineral Exploration at Dry Bones Bay for further study. The Board will soon render its decisions on the following Drybones Bay area Land Use Permit Applications.

1. MV2003C0008. North American General Resources, Mineral Exploration, Dry Bones Bay.
2. MV2003C0003. Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc., Mineral Exploration, Dry Bones Bay.
3. MV2003C0016. New Shoshoni Ventures Ltd., Mineral Exploration, Dry Bones Bay.

On a matter of jurisdiction, the YKDFN notes that two of the proposed drilling programs would take place on the frozen surface of Great Slave Lake. The YKDFN questions whether such water based drilling programs are regulated within the scope and jurisdiction of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

The YKDFN is requesting the denial of all cited Land Use Permits for further study in order to address significant YKDFN membership concerns and to obtain additional

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information for the Board before it renders its decisions.¹

The YKDFN recently concluded a two day public meeting on the Drybones Bay and Wool Bay areas. The YKDFN is preparing transcripts of the April 2, 2003 public session and will put them on your public record. A video record is also available at your convenience.

As you may know from our previous correspondence, Yellowknives Dene Research (community surveys available at the Land and Environment office) concludes that the following individuals, families and extended families use and occupy the Drybones Bay and or Wool Bay areas. It is also highly likely that others from the community of Lutsel K'e use the areas as well.

1. Alexi Potfigher	2. Alex Lacorne
3. Joe Charlo	4. Modest Sangris
5. Alex Crapeau	6. James Sangris
7. Joe Fishbone	8. Philip Crapeau
9. Isadore Sangris	10. Phillip Goulet
11. Joe Martin	12. Edward Lacorne
13. Isadore Tsetta	14. Antoine Liske
15. Morris Sangris	

The YKDFN have also identified the following significant valued attributes of the Wool Bay and Drybones Bay areas:

1. Culturally vital (many residents grew up and spent summers in the areas, and continue to actively use the areas).
2. Spiritually significant (site identified by YKDFN)
3. Numerous grave sites at the bays and along the shoreline

¹ Type A Land Use Application - Extract from Section 22 of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations

(2) Subject to subsection (3), where the Board does not return an application under paragraph (1)(a), it shall, within 42 days after receipt of the application,

(a) issue a Type A permit, subject to any conditions included pursuant to subsection 26(1);

(b) order, pursuant to subsection 24(1) of the Act, that a hearing be held or further studies or investigations be made respecting the lands proposed to be used in the land-use operation and notify the applicant in writing of the reasons therefore;

(c) refer the application to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for an environmental assessment pursuant to subsection 125(1) of the Act and notify the applicant in writing of the reasons therefore; or

(d) where a requirement set out in section 61 or 62 of the Act has not been met, refuse to issue a permit and notify the applicant in writing of its refusal and of the reasons therefore.

(3) Where the Board makes an order under paragraph (2)(b) or a reference under paragraph (2)(c), the time provided in subsection (2) for the Board to issue a permit or to refuse to issue a permit does not begin until (a) in respect of an order under paragraph (2)(b), the completion of the hearing, further studies or investigation; and

(b) in respect of a reference under paragraph (2)(c), the completion of the environmental impact assessment and review process under Part V of the Act.

4. Actively used for hunting
5. Actively used for Fishing
6. Historic village at Wool Bay
7. Actively used for trapping (Leo A. Betsina for example)
8. Actively used for Berry picking
9. Site of Bald eagles (raptors)
10. Actively used camping and campground areas
11. Actively used goose hunting areas
12. Actively used duck hunting areas
13. The bays are ecological unique because they are the largest bays on the shoreline and provide a unique microclimate and unique ecosystems.
14. The unique habitat makes it excellent for wildlife
15. Very sheltered bays are regularly used during lake travel (impact current use and activity patterns)
16. Drybones Bay is a main artery of current and traditional trails
17. The trail to Patrick Charlo's starts at Drybones Bay (Patrick Charlo)
18. Good places for picking medicinal plants
19. Main boat moorage on windy days, (security, shelter and safety)
20. Wool Bay and Dry Bones bay are the birth place of many current residents of Dettah and Ndilo
21. Significant impact on Treaty rights and alienation of current access to the land.

In addition, the YKDFN public meeting confirmed the following valued ecosystem components (VEC) that might be impacted significantly by the proposed developments, either individually or collectively:

1. Raptors,
2. moose,
3. muskrat,
4. fish,
5. beaver,
6. water,
7. wildlife habitat,
8. Grasslands.

The membership also noted that moose are already being impacted because of the low flying planes and helicopters.

In addition to concerns about impacts on the valued ecosystem components, the YKDFN membership would like additional study completed on the following:

Effective use of forest resources

Members cited that there were impacts to forest resources with all the trees getting knocked down for trails, drilling and ground magnetic surveys.

Sound effects on wildlife

There were questions about how sound impacted wildlife, and how a relatively pristine area could be changed by the year round sound.

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Impact on inland streams

Members wondered how the current work programs would impact the main streams flowing into Drybones Bay and what would happen to the lake and the surrounding wetlands if the major arteries into Great Slave Lake from Drybones Bay were impacted.

Cumulative Impacts

Membership expressed serious concern about the cumulative impacts from the exploration activities. "If five companies get permission, then other companies see the door open and move forward with their applications and this will result in cumulative impacts."

Cumulative Impacts of Improved Access

Improved winter road access to the areas will open up new lands, and this is an added impact. Then there are associated impacts. Outfitters will add small camps because there is a winter road. "The open door effect" that will result in increased traffic that results in increased garbage, noise and general nuisances. Impacts that were not there before the ice winter road. If the road cannot be controlled there will be an impact including additional cabin construction. Cabin construction that is unmanaged and uncontrolled. The Snowmobile association is marking trails and opening the land up to more and more people and this is also causing an impact. Trails are being overtaken by other users.

Conclusion

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board denied a Land Use Permit at the Drybones Bay area for further study. There are three additional Land Use Permits for the Dry Bones Bay area. The YKDFN is requesting that the denial of the Land Use Permit applications for further study. The study would be used to ascertain the extent and specific nature of public concern consolidate existing YKDFN documentation of the area, synthesize known information on the identified VECs, and to assemble alternative cumulative impact mitigation strategies.

The YKDFN are making every effort to participate in the Boards processes in a fair and productive manner. We hope that by proposing a constructive and proactive approach to addressing issues we can collectively ensure the well-being of all northerners. Please feel free to call me or Rachel Ann Crapeau to discuss this letter.

Yours truly,


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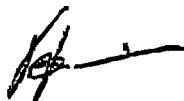
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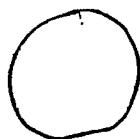
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On behalf of the Deninu K'ue First Nation,



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Dear Mr. Minister:

Re: Drybones Bay Mining Development

Once again we write to you with our concerns for development that is occurring in Akaitcho Territory without consultation with or the consent of the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations regarding treaty rights.

We understand that mining exploration development is underway in the vicinity of Drybones Bay, on Great Slave Lake, in the middle of Akaitcho Territory and that a permit has recently been issued by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board in relation to this development. While there have been some discussions by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, with representatives of our First Nations regarding environmental concerns there has been no consultation by representatives of your department regarding impacts and infringements of the development on the treaty rights of members of the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations.

Furthermore, we are and have been engaged in the process of preparing schedules to the Interim Measures Agreement under the Akaitcho Territory Dene First Nations Framework Agreement to allow for the pre-screening of applications regarding land and water use in Akaitcho Territory. Officials of your department are actively involved in the preparation of these schedules. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is well aware of this process and the importance of this process to the Akaitcho First Nations.

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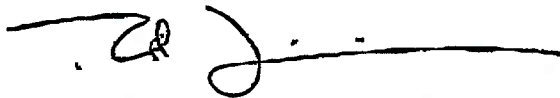
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