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September 15, 2006

Rachel Ann Crapeau, Louie Azzolini and Paul Euler paid a visit to the MVEIRB offices around 10:30 on September 14, 2006. Mary Tapsell and I met with them to discuss matters related to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) participation in the Consolidated Goldwin Ventures and Sidon International environmental assessments.

The MVEIRB staff described the recent developments concerning the two environmental assessments; specifically the interest expressed by the Developers to continue to participate, as well as their subsequent engagement of Rescan as a consultant to assist in the matter. The staff noted that the principle task on the part of the Developers at this stage is to complete and submit the Information Requests in a manner that is satisfactory to the Review Board.

The staff discussed the Information Requests that were issued to the YKDFN. It was mentioned that those IRs were largely concerned with understanding how YKDFN members use the lands that have been identified as potential drilling targets by CGV and Sidon.

The MVEIRB staff discussed the workplan for the EAs, which includes a community hearing to occur following the submission of the outstanding information requests. MVEIRB staff noted that it is still the intention of the Review Board to hold this hearing.

The YKDFN representatives noted that they are facing challenges related to the capacity to react to the numerous projects that are occurring on YKDFN traditional territory. They stated that they needed sufficient time to be able to address the Information Requests and to prepare for a hearing, which they hoped would occur later in the winter. MVEIRB staff responded by saying that until information is received from the developer it is difficult to predict when such a hearing would take place.

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