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April 27, 2007

RE: EA0506-005 Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc.

AND

RE: EA0506-006 Sidon International Resource Corp.

CLOSING COMMENTS for PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Madam Chair and Board members,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the MVEIRB for scheduling the public hearing on April 3 and 4, 2007, enabling a full and frank exchange of comments between First Nations, the public, government agencies and ourselves, the representatives of the junior exploration companies seeking permission to explore in the vicinity of Drybones Bay.

We apologize for having to excuse ourselves in such an abrupt manner just before 7:30 PM in order to catch our flight. We had already re-scheduled our departure to stay as long as we could. Our review of the transcript indicates that no new issues were raised after we left and we are grateful to have heard everyone's submissions.

We take this opportunity, as offered by the Chair, to summarize our submission and make a more detailed closing comment.

We have the unique vantage point of Mr. Stephenson's presence at the November 2003 Public Meeting in where Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. was granted a Land Use Permit (LUP) and subsequently conducted a low impact exploration drilling program. Many more issues were discussed there, and although we are gratified to see that a lot of the questions that were asked at that time have been addressed in the regulatory agencies' guidelines and responses, the land claim issues and consultation process with First Nations and Metis remain not much further advanced.

Despite our diligent attempts to consult affected communities, we believe we can always improve our consultation efforts. We expect to adapt our approach as we learn more about potentially affected communities and their internal processes. We originally contacted the communities recommended by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB). Unfortunately the list overlooked some communities. We found too that even when we notified the communities, the notifications did not seem to get to the right individuals at the band offices. We intend to improve our approach to include more follow up on our initial contact to determine expressions of interest. We believe that it would also be constructive if permitting and approval agencies and organizations provided more detailed information on potentially affected communities, including mailing and physical addresses, telephone numbers and current contact names. These changes will help us and others to ensure that the "affected communities" are reached.

The fact that so little progress seems to have been made with regards to land claims and related issues in the past three and a half years suggests that decisions on development should not be deferred pending resolution. The Territory needs development, that is appropriately designed and managed to avoid significant adverse effects, to support essential services. The avoidance of adverse impacts pending resolution should be achieved through mitigation and, if necessary, compensation. In the case of Consolidated Gold Win Ventures and Sidon International, the limited scope and low impact nature of the proposed exploration program; the fact that the consultant and contractors for both companies have successfully operated a similar program in 2004 and were in joint venture with another program in 2006 (with Snowfield Development) in an area not dissimilar to the areas of proposed operation; and that all the regulating agencies concur that the project can be completed without significant impact, suggests that the Board should conclude that a LUP for both companies is advisable.

The companies are aware that prior to the YKDFN letter of August 2005 the MVLWB had issued the companies a LUP (signed by Mr. Todd Burlingame). Due to the concerns raised by the YKDFN about proper consultation at the last minute, the MVEIRE called for a "re-assessment" of the application. Subsequently we have spent about 20 months in a process that does not seem to have identified any new issues. During those 20 months other LUPs have been issued in the area with sufficient conditions to mitigate any significant long term effect.

It was disappointing to hear the statement of the representative of the YKDFN in her closing remarks that, even though the YKDFN had indicated that the consultation issue was important and was the reason for holding up the MVLWB issuance of the LUP in 2005, that "I'm not prepared to give the mining company no meeting, not now."

We trust that this statement was a reaction to the long session and not an official policy. We look forward to being able to work with the YKDFN and the other bands in the area to help develop the resources of the region in a harmonious and beneficial manner that will enhance the livelihood of all "affected communities."

With the public hearing session concluded and all the issues identified, Consolidated Gold Win Ventures and Sidon International have volunteered to continue consultation with the affected communities in the region and to complete a preliminary archaeological survey concurrent with their summer sampling program to ensure that any defined target areas will not impact cultural heritage resources.

All the regulating agencies, as confirmed by their statements in the transcripts, concur that the proposed exploration program and mitigation measures will not likely have significant adverse effects on the environment.

Consolidated Gold Win Ventures and Sidon International respectfully request the MVEIRB to recommend the issuance of the LUP by the MVLWB.

Sincerely

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