



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our file: EA0506-005 and EA0506-006

To: Parties to the Consolidated Gold Win Ventures and Sidon International Environmental Assessments

Thursday, April 19, 2007

**Re: Placing Yellowknives Dene First Nation Traditional Knowledge map on public registries for EA0506-005 and EA0506-006**

On March 28 and April 19, 2007, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) submitted written requests to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) to have a Traditional Knowledge map placed on the public registries for Consolidated Gold Win Ventures' (EA0506-005) and Sidon International Resources Corp's (EA0506-006) mineral exploration program environmental assessments. The map depicts specific sites of archeological and cultural importance to the YKDFN within the general vicinity of the two proposed projects.

The YKDFN have requested that that map, due to sensitive nature of the information depicted in it, be treated in a confidential manner. They have requested that the following steps be taken in regards to it:

1. That the information be sealed;
2. That the right of release to the public be managed such that a written request for its release be made to both the MVEIRB and the Yellowknives Dene (c/o Rachel-Ann Crapeau);
3. That upon MVEIRB approval, that viewing of the map be permitted only in the MVEIRB office; and
4. That no reproductions of the map, in any form, be permitted.

The Review Board is prepared to admit the YKDFN map in the public registries under the above-cited conditions unless it hears objections from the Parties which convince it otherwise. The Review Board is requesting comments from the Parties regarding the admissibility of the YKDFN map. Comments regarding this matter should be submitted to the Review Board no later than **5:00 pm MST on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. Such comments should be sent to Alan Ehrlich, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer. Alan can be reached by email at [aehrlich@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:aehrlich@mveirb.nt.ca), by phone at (867)-766-7056, or by fax at (867)-766-7074.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Duxbury".

Patrick Duxbury,  
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Attachment  
April 19, 2007 letter from YKDFN Legal Counsel

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Dear Sir:

**RE: Yellowknives Dene First Nation  
Participation in the Sidon and  
Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Public Hearings**

In a recent conversation with Mr. Lou Azzolini I understand you cannot locate our earlier correspondence regarding your use of a Traditional Knowledge Map previously provided as a part of the record in the Sidon International Resources Corp. and Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Environmental Assessments.

A copy of our letter of March 28, 2007 is enclosed which was delivered to your offices on March 29, 2007 by facsimile. That letter provided as follows:

“The Yellowknives Dene First Nation have previously placed a Traditional Knowledge map on the public registry for the subject environmental assessments and for the purposes of the forthcoming hearings. However, due to the confidential nature of the information therein, the Yellowknives Dene request the information be sealed and that the right of release to the public be managed such that a written request for its release be made to both the MVEIRB and the Yellowknives Dene; and that upon MVEIRB approval, that viewing of the map be permitted only in the MVEIRB office and that no reproductions in any form be permitted.”

The correspondence then referred to four previous environmental assessments and the process developed by the MVEIRB with respect to confidential information.

I trust this is satisfactory and thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require anything further please feel free to contact the writer at your convenience.

Yours truly,

**GREG C. EMPSON**  
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cc: L. Azzolini