

## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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To: Sidon International EA distribution list Re: Revised date for Community Hearing

At its meeting on the week of January  $22^{nd}$ , 2007, the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) met to discuss the scheduling of a hearing for the Sidon International environmental assessment. The Review Board has selected April  $4^{th}$ , 2007, as the hearing date.

Given that date, the holding of a pre-hearing conference on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February for the assessment appears to be somewhat premature. For this reason, the pre-hearing conference will be delayed and will be rescheduled to early March. I will be in contact with the Parties in the weeks to come to gauge their availability to participate, and then to set an appropriate time and location for the pre-hearing conference.

I have also been in contact with representatives of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) regarding the possibility of holding a workshop to address and hopefully expand upon the Information Requests responses provided by the YKDFN. I am hoping to soon hear from the YKDFN regarding its intention to participate in this activity.

As more information becomes available I will ensure to keep the Parties and other members of the public informed regarding the assessment.

Yours truly,

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