



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Doug Reeve  
Selwyn Resources Ltd.  
#701 – 475 Howe St.  
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Dear Mr. Reeve

### **RE: Information Request**

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has issued the attached information request (IR) to Selwyn Resources in regards to your mineral exploration program at Howard's Pass. The Review Board will also be accepting IRs submitted by other parties to the environmental assessment and may be issuing additional information requests at a later date.

Your response to this IR should be submitted before 5:00 pm on September 15, 2008. If you have any questions or comments related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 766-7066 or by email at [ttestart@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:ttestart@mveirb.nt.ca).

Regards,

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Environmental Assessment Officer

**IR Number:** 1  
**Source:** MVEIRB  
**To:** Selwyn Resources  
**Issue:** 'Best Practices'

### **Preamble**

*The Developers Assessment Report states several times that Selwyn Resources uses reasonable best practices to ensure effective environmental management of their development. The DAR identifies at least two specific guidance documents that the developer will use to determine these best practices, namely "Flying in Caribou Country: How to Minimize Disturbance in Aircraft" and "Reclamation Techniques in the Yukon". The Review Board needs more information to correctly evaluate the use of 'best practices' as a mitigation strategy.*

### **Request**

1. What criteria are used to determine whether a mitigation strategy is a "best practice" and "reasonable"?
2. When the company determines a "best practice" that it will subscribe to, is this practice internalized through written policy? If there is such policy, is it publically available?
3. How does Selwyn Resources ensure that personnel and sub-contractors use "best practices", as determined by the company, in the field?
4. Identify any other guidance documents to be used as 'best practice' guidelines during the course of this development.
5. Does Selwyn Resources currently maintain environmental staff onsite at all work sites, including drilling sites? Is their presence continuous or intermittent?
6. What are the specific responsibilities of environmental staff, in relation to this development?
7. What authority do they have to control any issues arising from the development and how do they exercise this authority and what record is kept of this management activity internally?
8. How does Selwyn Resources consider the uniqueness of a particular development environment? How does it develop specific "best practices" to suit this uniqueness?