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**RE: Call for Party Status and Information Requests**

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has recently issued an information request (IR) to Selwyn Resources Ltd. A copy of this IR can be found on the Review Board web site at [www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry) or by contacting Tawanis Testart at (867) 766-7066.

IRs are written questions exchanged between the developer and other parties during the course of an environmental assessment. They can be issued by the Review Board at any time, but are most often used before or after technical sessions.

The purpose of IRs is to answer questions that may arise throughout the environmental assessment process, so long as the question is:

- related to the issues that were scoped into the assessment
- appropriate
- relevant to the assessment
- not repetitive or redundant

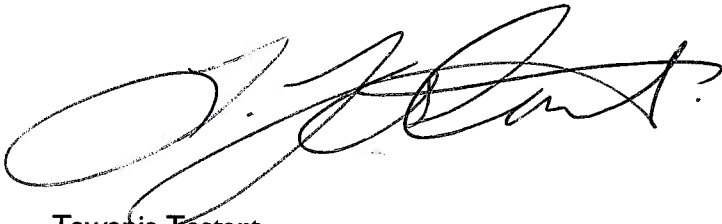
Although information requests are issued by the Review Board, some rounds of information requests allow parties to suggest the information requests to the Review Board for approval. Only registered parties are allowed to suggest information requests. So if your organization wants to be involved in this process, you need to apply for “party” status.

Organizations and individuals who wish to apply for party status may do so using the form attached to this letter. Applications for party status should be submitted before September 10, 2008 at 5:00 pm. Once an organization or individual becomes a party to this EA, they may suggest questions for information requests. The Review Board will be accepting IRs from parties until September 30, 2008 at 5:00 pm.

When proposing IRs to the Review Board, please make sure to carefully review the Developers Assessment Report submitted by Selwyn Resources. (available at [www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry))

The IR process is a way to ask for any additional information that may not be in this document and to make certain that outstanding issues or concerns can be resolved. For any further clarification or assistance in this matter, please contact me by phone or by email at [ttestart@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:ttestart@mveirb.nt.ca).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Testart', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Tawanis Testart  
Environmental Assessment Officer

# MVEIRB Information Request Template

The purpose of Information Requests is to provide the MVEIRB with information relevant to deciding whether the proposed development is likely to have a significant adverse environmental effect or is likely to be cause of significant public concern. They are a tool for the Board to obtain additional information, clarification on issues, and to answer questions that arise during the proceedings of an Environmental Assessment. You can use this document as a template.

Information requests can originate from and be directed at all parties to the assessment. A party that acts as an advisor to the Board, e.g., can request information that is necessary for that party's technical analysis. **All Information Requests have to be approved by the Board.** For examples of previous information requests refer to the online public registry.

- IR Number:** *Number is assigned by MVEIRB*
- Source:** *Organization from which the request originates (your organization)*
- To:** *Who the request is directed at (i.e. organization(s) expected to answer or provide information), e.g. the developer or a government department.*
- Issue:** *The issue listed in the work plan the request is referring to, e.g. caribou migration.*

Note: The MVEIRB will generally not accept any Information Requests outside the scope of the Assessment.

## Preamble

*Provide background information and a rational for your request. The preamble should identify any shortcomings of the information already on the public record and how the requested information will be relevant. For example: "The developer's land use permit application describes various mitigation measures to minimize impacts on wildlife, but does not specify which measure is aimed at which species. To determine the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures the species they are aimed at should be known".*

## Request

*The question the organization the request is directed to is to answer. For example: "Please identify which of the listed mitigation measures are aimed at minimizing impacts on moose". A question may consist of several parts.*



**Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board**

**FORM I**

**Request for Party Status**

Name of Organization:	
Name of Proceeding:	

Reasons for requesting Party Status in these proceedings.
<b>Participation:</b> Please describe how you or your organization intends to participate in this proceeding, such as what information, witnesses, or presentations you plan to submit.
If you represent a Responsible Minister or Responsible Authority please state which one. List the licences, permits or authorizations issued by your organization relevant to this proceeding.
<b>Contact Information:</b> Please confirm the organization's contact information and the name of the primary contact person for Board correspondence purposes.
Dated at _____, Northwest Territories, on (MM/DD/YY) _____
_____ (Signature of Party's Representative)