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MV2013C0021
MV2014L2-0002

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Attn: Tyree Mullaney

Re: MV2012C0021 / MV2014L2-002

Dear Tyree Mullaney

On today's date you emailed me a request for what my opinion was whether we felt our applications are exempt from preliminary screening. You further asked that we provide our rational and evidence supporting our decision.

We understand that to be exempt from Preliminary Screening, an activity must specifically be on the Exemption List Regulations, or it is exempt for national security or emergency purposes, or because of section 157.1 of the MVRMA. (See section 2.3 of the Review Board's Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines.)

From the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board website, under the Acts and Regulations page is a link to the Canadian Legal Information Institute's Exempt List Regulations. Under Part 1, General, states:

2.1 A development, or a part thereof, for which a permit, licence or authorization is requested that

(a) was part of a development that fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act; and


(b) has not been modified since the development referred to in paragraph (a) fulfilled the requirements of the environmental assessment process established by the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

Further, the proposed development is substantially identical to part of the previous development permitted and licensed under land use permits and water licenses N1L2-1598 on Land Lease 85J16-8 which were granted under the NWT Water Board and Territorial Lands Board. They operated through the 1990's under these licenses and permits, and are believed to have fallen under licenses and permits grandfathered under section 151 – 153 of the MVRMA

We know that the work we are proposing was in fact permitted under these previously issued licenses and permit, and formed part of the past work completed on the property.

It is for the above reasons that we believe we are exempt from Preliminary Screening.

Sincerely
New Discovery Mines Ltd.,



Per: D.R. Webb