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File: W2019C0002

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Sent via Email

Dear JoAnne Deneron,

Re: Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Land Use Permit Application for W2019C0002 – Mineral Exploration at Lac de Gras, NT

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (Board) met on August 22, 2019 and considered the Application from New Nadina Explorations Limited (New Nadina), for a Type A Land Use Permit W2019C0002 for Mineral Exploration at Lac de Gras, NT.

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the Application and the public review. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed as per section 125(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) and has decided **not to refer** the project to environmental assessment. The Preliminary Screening Report includes the Board's reasons for decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA.

To fulfill the pause period required by subsection 125 of the MVRMA, the Board understands that any referral to environmental assessment must take place by end of day on September 1, 2019. If the Board does not receive notice of referral, it will proceed with the issuance of Permit W2019C0002 on September 2, 2019.

Our Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Ryan Fequet at (867) 765-4589 or email rfequet@wlwb.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Mackenzie', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Joe Mackenzie
Chair, Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

Copied to: Mark Cliffe-Phillips – MVEIRB Executive Director
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Helen Jewitt – New Nadina Explorations Limited
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Attached: Preliminary Screening Report and Reasons for Decision



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PRELIMINARY SCREENING REPORT FORM

<p>PRELIMINARY SCREENER: WLWB REFERENCE / FILE NUMBER: W2019C0002 TITLE: Mineral Exploration – Lac de Gras, NT ORGANIZATION: New Nadina Explorations Limited MEETING DATE: August 22, 2019</p>	<p>EIRB REFERENCE NUMBER:</p>
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Type of Development:
 (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- New
- Amend, EIRB Ref. # _____
- Requires permit, license or authorization
- Does not require permit, license or authorization

Project Summary

New Nadina Explorations Limited (New Nadina) was issued Land Use Permit MV2004C0036 on September 14, 2004. The Permit was for a mineral exploration program in the vicinity of Lac de Gras and included the following activities:

- Geological mapping;
- Diamond drilling;
- Fuel storage;
- The operation of a “summer” and “winter” camp capable of supporting up to 12 people; and
- The use of land and air vehicles to move personnel and equipment.

The following fuel types to be stored on site included: diesel, gasoline, propane and Jet B fuel.

The following equipment to be used on site included: 1 drill, 1 helicopter, 1 electric generator, 2 drill pump, 2 gas generators, and 1 portable water pump.

All combustible solid waste was to be incinerated on site, with non-combustibles flown to Yellowknife for disposal at the solid waste facility. All sewage and grey water was to be disposed in a sump.

On September 5, 2012, New Nadina was issued Land Use Permit W2011C0004 to continue with the mineral exploration program. The proposed program was subject to Preliminary Screening to address additional impacts that may be caused by the trenching and large-diameter RC drilling activities that were not previously screened as part of MV2004C0036.

On July 17, 2019, New Nadina Explorations Limited (New Nadina) applied to the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB) for a Type A Land Use Permit. This application is to replace Permit W2011C0004 and includes the following activities related to New Nadina's mineral exploration program: use of a camp, diamond drilling including large diameter reverse circulation (RC) drilling, winter road construction and maintenance, use of explosives, establishment of a fuel cache, fuel storage and the use of equipment for trenching in the Lac de Gras area, NT. The proposed base of operations for field programs will be a pre-existing exploration camp (i.e., Monument Camp) located on the south shore of Lac de Gras and is accessible via winter road or fixed wing aircraft. The application included two additional mineral claims (M10195 and M10196) that were not originally included in the previous Permits. The following list of equipment was added: 2 Snow cat or equivalent, 1 Skidder, 5 1.5-ton Pick-up trucks, 1 Plow truck or equivalent, 2 Water truck or equivalent, 1 Caterpillar D6K2 bulldozer or equivalent, 1 Caterpillar 160M3 Grader or equivalent, 1 Caterpillar IT38 Loader or equivalent, 2 Transport tractor-trailer combinations, 4 Big Ice B-55 Flood Pumps, 1 Caterpillar 277B compact track loader or equivalent, 1 16' inflatable or aluminum boat.

Scope

This permit entitles New Nadina Explorations Limited to conduct the following activities: Mineral exploration including use of a camp, diamond drilling including large diameter RC drilling, winter road construction and maintenance, use of explosives, establishment of a petroleum fuel storage facility, use of vehicles and machines, and the use of equipment for trenching in the Lac de Gras area, NT.

Principal Activities (related to scoping)

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exploration | <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Installation | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aerial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operation | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Linear / Corridor | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/Research |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Intake | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewage | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

Principal Development Components (related to scoping)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> construction <input type="checkbox"/> abandonment/removal <input type="checkbox"/> modification e.g., widening, straightening | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> disposal of hazardous waste <input type="checkbox"/> waste generation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile, Aircraft or Vessel Movement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> disposal of sewage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blasting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geoscientific Sampling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> trenching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> diamond drill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> borehole core sampling (large diameter reverse circulation drilling) <input type="checkbox"/> bulk soil sampling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Gravel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrological Testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burying | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Restoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> fertilization <input type="checkbox"/> grubbing <input type="checkbox"/> planting/seeding <input type="checkbox"/> reforestation <input type="checkbox"/> scarify <input type="checkbox"/> spraying <input type="checkbox"/> recontouring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Channeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Slashing and removal of vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and Fill | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Testing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting of Trees or Removal of Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Crossing/Bridging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dams and Impoundments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> construction <input type="checkbox"/> abandonment/removal <input type="checkbox"/> modification | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunneling/Underground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Alteration | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling other than Geoscientific | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Surveys | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Explosive Storage | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Storage | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Topsoil, Overburden or Soil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> fill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> removal <input type="checkbox"/> disposal <input type="checkbox"/> storage | |

NTS Topographic Map Sheet Numbers

(LIST ALL THAT APPLY)

76 D/07

Latitude / Longitude and UTM System:

Added on August 22, 2019 to reflect the area included in New Nadina's Application:

- Max Longitude: 110° 59' 41";
- Min Longitude: 110° 51' 04";
- Max Latitude: 64° 30' 35";
- Min Latitude: 64° 27' 26".

Nearest Community and Water Body:

Community of Wekweètì, Lac De Gras

Land Status (consultation information)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Hold / Private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioners Land/Territorial Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Crown Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tlicho Lands | | | |

Transboundary Implications

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| <input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia | <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta | <input type="checkbox"/> Saskatchewan | <input type="checkbox"/> Yukon |
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Nunavut

Wood Buffalo National Park

Inuvialuit Settlement Region

Type of Transboundary Implication:

Impact / Effect

Development

Public Concern: _____

(DESCRIBE)

**The impacts and mitigations included below reflect those included in the two previous Preliminary Screenings (i.e., for MV2004C0036 and W2011C0004), as well as those considered as part of the current screening.

PHYSICAL - CHEMICAL EFFECTS

IMPACT

1. Ground Water

water table alteration

water quality changes

infiltration changes

other

N/A

MITIGATION

Large diameter drilling may increase the rate of artesian flow if encountered when drilling. Sealing artesian aquifers, when encountered, should mitigate this impact. LUP Conditions require that drill holes where flowing water is encountered must be permanently plugged to prevent further outflow.

Containing drill cuttings and following fuel handling and spill protocols should mitigate this concern.

Emergency spill response procedures in place with the NWT 24-Hour Spill Report Line to be contacted at (867) 920-8130.

Spill kits will also be present at all these sites.

Added on August 22, 2019: A Spill Contingency Plan is in place.

IMPACT

2. Surface Water

- flow or level changes
- water quality changes

- water quantity changes

- Drainage pattern changes

- temperature

- wetland changes / loss

- other:

- N/A

IMPACT

3. Noise

- noise in/near water

- other: noise increase

- N/A

MITIGATION

Containing drill cuttings and following fuel handling and spill protocols should mitigate this concern.

Emergency spill response procedures in place with the NWT 24-Hour Spill Report Line to be contacted at (867) 920-8130.

Spill kits will also be present at all these sites.

LUP Conditions require that Drilling Waste not containing Toxic Material be deposited in a Sump or natural depression located at least 100 metres from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse.

Added on August 22, 2019: LUP Conditions require that Fuel Storage Containers and/or Tanks be placed a minimum of 100 metres from the Ordinary High-Water Mark of any Watercourse, unless otherwise authorized in writing by an Inspector.

A Spill Contingency Plan is in place.

DFO Protocol for Water Withdrawal should be followed.

The operation will not have a water licence; therefore, total water use must be less than 100 m³/day, regardless of the type and number of drills being used.

Drainage patterns may be altered by trenching. LUP Conditions state that the operation not cause obstruction to any natural drainage.

MITIGATION

Any increase in noise should be limited to the immediate location of a drill and to the periods when the drill is active or being moved by the helicopter.

IMPACT**4. Land** geologic structure changes soil contamination buffer zone loss soil compaction & settling Destabilization / erosion permafrost regime alteration other: explosives/scarring N/A**MITIGATION**

Containing drill cuttings and following fuel handling and spill protocols should mitigate this concern.

Emergency spill response procedures in place with the NWT 24-Hour Spill Report Line to be contacted at (867) 920-8130.

Spill kits will also be present at all these sites.

Added on August 22, 2019: Land Use Permit Conditions include requirements for locations of sumps. Land Use Permit Conditions also include requirements related to fuel storage and handling.

A Spill Contingency Plan is in place.

Heavy equipment used as part of the project may result in increased soil compaction. LUP Conditions require the prevention of rutting and gouging, vehicle travel to be conducted only on snow-covered surfaces, and winter roads to be constructed with a minimum of 10 centimeters of packed snow or ice.

The Permittee will use less than 30 kg of explosives in any 30-day period; therefore, a land use permit is not required for explosive use. LUP conditions require the permittee to save and replace organic soil from excavations and to dispose of overburden as instructed by an Inspector.

IMPACT**5. Non Renewable Natural Resources** resource depletion other: N/A**MITIGATION**

No mitigation – removal of sample material.

Added on August 22, 2019: The removal of samples is integral to mineral exploration, which is the purpose of the required Land Use Permit; thus, no mitigation is necessary.

IMPACT**6. Air/Climate/ Atmosphere** Other N/A**MITIGATION**

BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

IMPACT

1. Vegetation

- species composition
- species introduction
- toxin / heavy accumulation
- other: Local Disturbance

N/A

IMPACT

2. Wildlife & Fish

- effects on rare, threatened or endangered species
- fish population changes
- waterfowl population changes
- breeding disturbance
- population reduction
- species diversity change
- health changes
(Identify)
- behavioural changes

(Identify)

- habitat changes / effects
- game species effects
- toxins / heavy metals
- forestry changes
- agricultural changes
- other:
- N/A

INTERACTING ENVIRONMENT

MITIGATION

The approximately 4000 kg excavator (with rubber tracks) used for trenching and the 29,000 kg large diameter drill may result in increased disturbance of vegetation. LUP conditions require vehicle travel to be conducted only on snow-covered surfaces and winter roads to be constructed with a minimum of 10 centimeters of packed snow or ice.

MITIGATION

Minimizing activity when any rare or threatened species are present, or when migratory birds are present, should mitigate this impact.

Large diameter drilling will result in increased water use. The proponent has been advised to use the *DFO Protocol for Winter Water Withdrawals in the Northwest Territories*.

Minimizing activity when migratory birds are present should mitigate this impact. Majority of the work will occur in winter.

Added on August 22, 2019: Exploration work is seasonal from March to September.

Helicopter operation times to be kept to a minimum. Snowmobile operation will be kept to a minimum.

Some species may avoid the vicinity of activity when drilling is occurring. This should be very localized and short term. Having the proponent minimize/cease operations when large populations of game species (e.g., caribou) are in the area of the operation (i.e., LUP Condition #61 Caribou Disturbance) should mitigate any impacts.

Water withdrawal from lakes and construction of winter access roads could affect muskrat push-ups, beaver lodges, or beaver dams. If any of these features are found, the proponent can discuss mitigation options with the GNWT-ENR.

IMPACT**1. Habitat and Communities****MITIGATION**

- predator-prey
- wildlife habitat / ecosystem
Composition changes
- reduction / removal of keystone
or endangered
species
- removal of wildlife corridor or
buffer zone
- other:
- N/A

IMPACT**2. Social and Economic****MITIGATION**

- planning / zoning changes or
conflicts
- increase in urban facilities or
services use
- rental house
- airport operations / capacity
changes
- human health hazard
- impair the recreational use of
water or aesthetic quality
- affect water use for other
purposes
- affect other land use operations
- quality of life changes
- public concern
- other:
- N/A

IMPACT**3. Cultural and Heritage****MITIGATION**

- effects to historic property
- increased economic pressure on
historic properties
- change to or loss of historic
resources
- change to or loss of
archaeological resources

Trenching and large diameter drilling will increase the area of land disturbed and thus increase the likelihood of impacts on archaeological resources. There is the potential for unidentified archaeological sites to be discovered in the area. However, in accordance with the LUP Conditions, the proponent must not disturb the site(s), must cease operations, and contact the

PWNHC.

increased pressure on archaeological sites

change to or loss of aesthetically important site

effects to aboriginal lifestyle

other: potential risks to unrecorded archeological sites

Added on August 22, 2019: Standard conditions related to conducting an Archaeological Overview and an Archaeological Impact Assessment have been included.

N/A

NOTES:

PRELIMINARY SCREENER / REFERRING BODY INFORMATION
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

	RA or DRA	ADVICE	PERMIT REQUIRED
Environment Canada	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fisheries and Oceans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Heritage (Parks Canada)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural Resources Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Works and Gov't Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northern Oil and Gas Directorate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Nuclear Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry Canada	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canadian Transportation Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National Defence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GNWT - ENR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GNWT - ECE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GNWT - Lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GNWT - MACA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GNWT - Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MVEIRB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MVLWB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRRB	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deh Cho First Nations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tlicho Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behchoko Community Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gameti Community Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wekweeti Community Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whati Community Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Akaiicho Prescreening Board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rae-Edzo Meti Local #64	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Slave Métis Alliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Northwest Territory Metis Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REASONS FOR DECISION

(LIST ALL REASONS AND SUPPORTING RATIONALES FOR PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION)

BACKGROUND:

The WLWB received a Type A Land Use Permit Application from New Nadina on July 17, 2019 (i.e., W2019C0002). The purpose of this Application is for mineral exploration, including use of a camp, diamond drilling including large diameter reverse circulation drilling, winter road construction and maintenance, use of explosives, fuel storage, use of vehicles and machines, and the use of equipment for trenching in the Lac de Gras area, NT.

Land Use Permit Conditions:

A Draft Permit was circulated for public review. This Draft Permit was based on the existing Land Use Permit (i.e., W2011C0004) and included updates to reflect the MVLWB (2019) *Standard Land Use Permit Conditions Template Version 2* (Standard List).

During the review period, the Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands Inspector (GNWT-Lands) submitted recommendations to include five conditions from the Standard List (i.e., Seasonal Notification – Contact Inspector, Secondary Containment – Refueling, Drip Trays, Clean Up Spills, and Disposal of Overburden) to address potential impacts of the proposed activities. The GNWT Education, Culture and Employment (GNWT-ECE) recommended two conditions from the Standard List (i.e., Archaeological Overview and AIA-High Potential) to mitigate potential impacts to archaeological sites.

The GNWT-Lands Inspector also recommended the deletion of four conditions from the Permit: two standard conditions (i.e., Camp Location and Sewage Disposal – Sump Setback) and two non-standard conditions (i.e., Incinerator and Caribou Disturbance). The Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation has stated (comment 20) that exploration work should be suspended if caribou are within the zone of influence of the exploration site. The inclusion of the Caribou Disturbance condition is intended to mitigate behavioral changes to large caribou herds in the area; thus, the Board believes this non-standard condition should remain.

PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION:

The Board has conducted a preliminary screening in accordance with section 124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). As per the Preliminary Screening Requirement Regulations of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), the Board must conduct a preliminary screening for any application for a proposed development that requires a Land Use Permit if it is not exempt from Part 5 of the MVRMA.¹ The preliminary screening identifies potential impacts and mitigations for the proposed activities. The test within the preliminary screening is to determine whether the project 'might have a significant adverse impact on the environment' or 'might be a cause for public concern.'²

The Board completed a Preliminary Screening of this application on August 22, 2019, in accordance with subsection 125(1) of the MVRMA. The Preliminary Screening includes consideration of all proposed activities in the two new mineral claims (i.e., M10195 and M10196) which were not previously screened and therefore not exempt from Part 5 of the MVRMA. This Preliminary Screening also includes consideration of the construction and maintenance of the winter road, which was found not to be exempt from Part 5 of the MVRMA.

The Board is satisfied that a reasonable period of notice was given to Communities and First Nations affected by the Application as required by Subsection 63(2) of the MVRMA so that they could provide comments to the Board.

The Board is also satisfied that the Tlicho Government has been consulted in accordance with Section 63 of the MVRMA.

The Board believes that all comments and recommendations provided by Parties, related to potential impacts of the project, will be mitigated by the conditions of the Permit.

With respect to the winter road, a review of the previous Preliminary Screenings done for MV2004C0036 and W2011C0004 identified that it was unclear whether the winter road was exempt from Part 5 of the MVRMA. It had been indicated to the Board in consideration of W2011C0004 that the construction and maintenance of a winter road had been previously screened as part of MV2004C0036; however, this appears incorrect. The Board has thus included the construction and maintenance of the winter road as part of this Preliminary Screening. The Board is satisfied that there are no outstanding concerns with respect to the winter road because: (a) Parties were provided the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the potential impacts and mitigations related to the proposed application; and (b) a winter road has been in use for this project under W2011C0004 and Inspection Reports have not identified any issues related to the road.

Having reviewed all relevant evidence on the Public Registry, including the submissions of the Permittee, the written comments received by the Board and any staff reports prepared for the Board, the Board has decided that in its opinion:

- there is no reasonable likelihood that the proposed application might have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and
- the proposed application is not a cause of public concern.

¹ See the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (www.reviewboard.ca) for the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines*, 2004.

² See The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (www.reviewboard.ca) for the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines*, 2004.

PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Outside Local Government Boundaries
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have public concern, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wholly within Local Government Boundaries
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on air, water or renewable resources, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have public concern, <i>refer it to the EIRB.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>

Preliminary Screening Organization



Chair, Wek'eezhii Land and Water Board