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● Proposed development in environmental assessment or environmental impact review

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Active environmental assessments



▶ Nico Project

Fortune Minerals Ltd.

EA0809-004

Status: Scoping

This is an open pit and underground cobalt-gold-bismuth mine, located approximately 50 km north-north-east of What Ti. To identify which issues the environmental assessment should focus on, Review Board staff have visited Wha Ti, Gameti, Behchoko, and Yellowknife and will visit Wekweti later in May.

▶ Yellowknife Gold Project

Tyhee NWT Corp.

EA0809-003

Status: Draft Terms of Reference

This is a proposed open pit gold mine, located 88 kilometres north of Yellowknife, near the old Discovery mine site. The Review Board expects to release the final draft Terms of Reference and workplan for this environmental assessment later this month. The next step will be for the developer to produce its Developer's Assessment Report.

▶ Prairie Creek Mine

Canadian Zinc Corporation

EA0809-002

Status: Draft Terms of Reference

This is a proposed underground lead-zinc mine, located in the Mackenzie Mountains within the South Nahanni River watershed, and in proximity to the Nahanni National Park Reserve. The Review Board released the draft Terms of Reference and workplan for public comment on May 11th, 2009. Parties and the public have until June 12th, 2009 to submit comments.

▶ Giant Mine Remediation Project

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada EA0809-001

Status: Final Terms of Reference

This is a proposed development to reclaim the Giant Mine site, located within the City of Yellowknife. The development includes the future disposition of 237,000 tonnes of arsenic trioxide currently stored underground. The

Review Board issued the final Terms of Reference and workplan for this environmental assessment on May 12th, 2009. The Developer will now produce the Developer's Assessment Report.

▶ Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project

Dezé Energy Corporation Ltd.

EA0708-007

Status: Technical Sessions

This proposed development adds 36 megawatts of power generating capacity to the Taltson Twin Gorges Plant and includes a 690 kilometre transmission line to the diamond mines. The Review Board will host technical sessions to identify information gaps and to determine which issues require further examination on May 27th and 28th, 2009 in Yellowknife. The session is open to the public.

▶ Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass

Selwyn Resources Ltd.

EA0708-001

Status: Deliberations

This is a proposed mineral exploration program on the NWT and Yukon border. The Review Board held a community hearing on April 7th, 2009 in Tulita and is now drafting its Report of Environmental Assessment



At the end of April and in early May, the Review Board visited the communities of Wha Ti, Gameti and Behchoko to hold scoping sessions for the Nico Project.



Active environmental impact review



► Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine

De Beers Canada Inc. EIR0607-001

Status: *Waiting for Environmental Impact Statement; Terms of Reference were issued in October 2007*

The Review Board established the independent Gahcho Kue Review Panel to review this proposed diamond mine near Kennady Lake. De Beers has informed the Panel that it will advise further on a completion date for its Environmental Impact Statement in late 2009.



► Mackenzie Gas Project

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. EIR0405-001

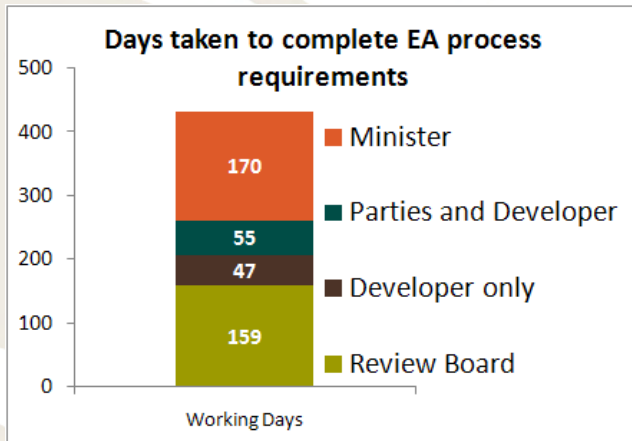
Status: *The Joint Review Panel is drafting its Report of Environmental Impact Review*

The Review Board, the federal Minister of Environment and the Inuvialuit Game Council jointly established the Joint Review Panel to independently review this proposed gas pipeline. Visit www.ngps.nt.ca for more information.

Waiting for ministerial approval

► Crab Lake Mineral Exploration

Bayswater Uranium Corp. EA0708-005

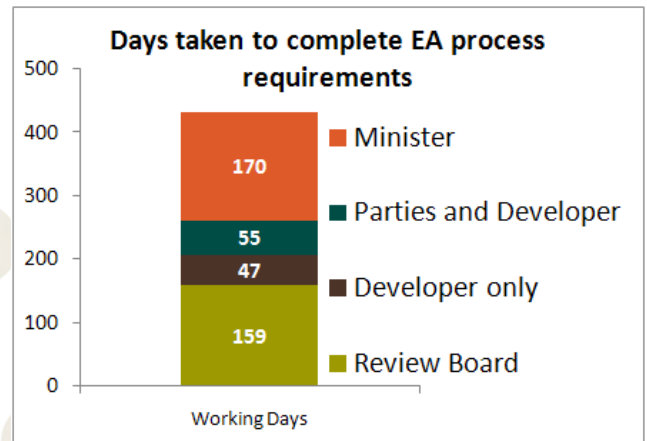


Status: *Waiting for ministerial approval*

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the Dubawnt River Watershed. On September 12, 2008, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow this proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.

► EL Lake Mineral Exploration

Bayswater Uranium Corp. EA0708-004



Status: *Waiting for ministerial approval*

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the upper Thelon River watershed. On September 12, 2008, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers reject this proposed development without ordering an environmental impact review. The Review Board is of the opinion the proposed development will cause significant adverse cultural impacts on Aboriginal people by impacting an area of very high spiritual importance.

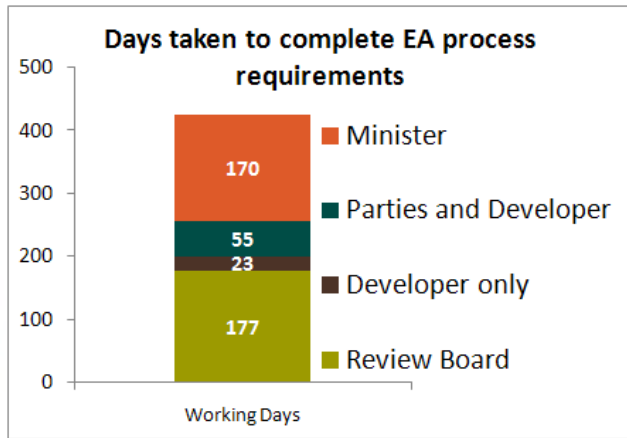


Waiting for ministerial approval cont'd

▶ North Boomerang Lake Mineral Exploration

Uravan Minerals Inc.

EA0708-003



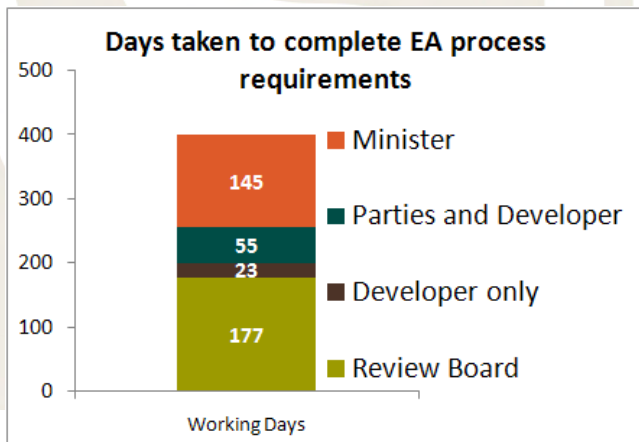
Status: Developer has withdrawn application

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▶ South Boomerang Lake Mineral Exploration

Uravan Minerals Inc.

EA0708-002

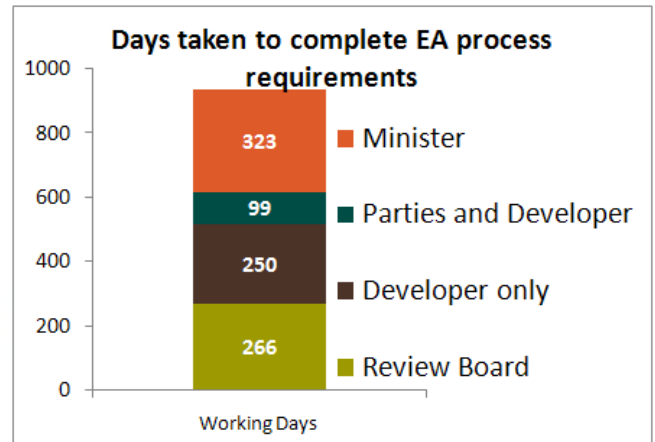


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▶ Mineral Exploration Program

Sidon International Resources Corp. EA0506-006



Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed mineral exploration program at Defeat Lake. On February 6, 2008, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow the proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.

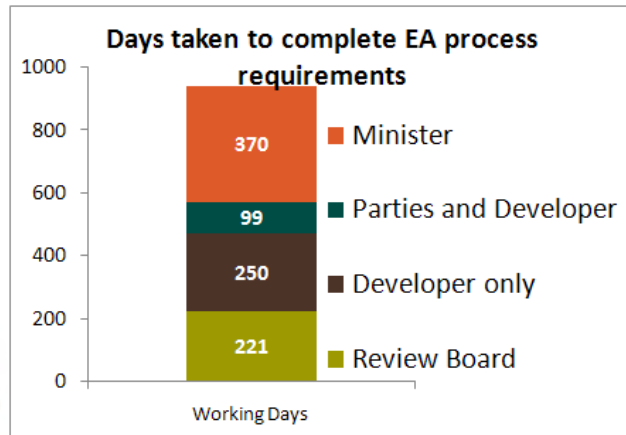


Waiting for ministerial approval cont'd



► Mineral Exploration Program

Consolidated Goldwin Ventures Inc. EA0506-005

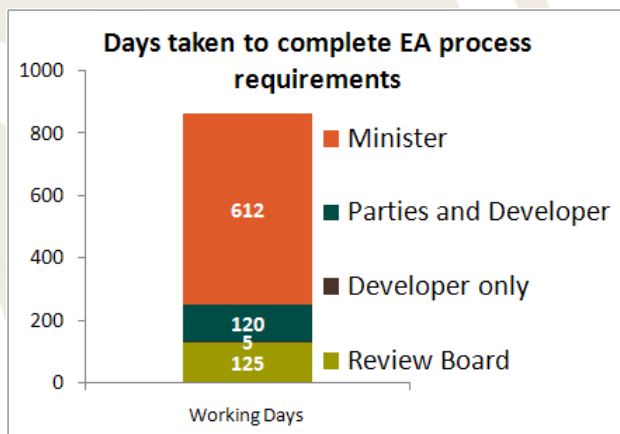


Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed diamond exploration program in the area of Drybones Bay. On November 30, 2007, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow the proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its Report of Environmental Assessment.

► SDL-8 2D Geophysical Program

Paramount Resources Ltd. EA0506-007



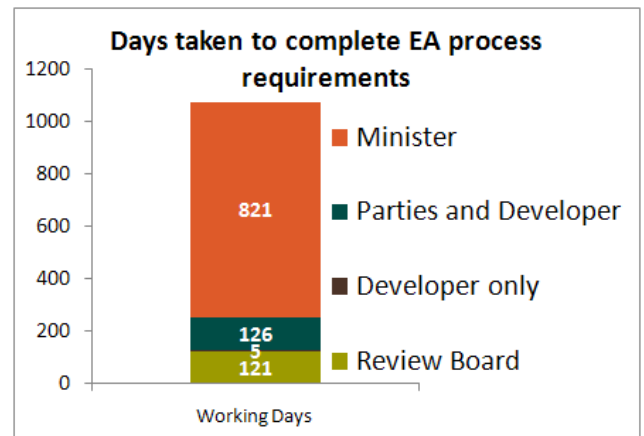
Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed oil and gas geophysical program in the Cameron Hills area. On November 14, 2006, the Review Board recom-

mended the federal and responsible ministers allow this proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*.

► Dehcho Geotechnical Survey

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. EA0304-009



Status: Waiting for ministerial approval

This is a proposed oil and gas geotechnical program in the Dehcho region. On February 28, 2005, the Review Board recommended the federal and responsible ministers allow this proposed development to proceed to the regulatory phase, subject to the measures the Review Board outlined in its *Report of Environmental Assessment*. In June 2005, the Minister of INAC initiated the consult-to-modify process. The Review Board continues to wait for feedback from the ministers.



This is what we do: Socio-economic impact assessment



In March 2007, the Review Board published the *Socio-Economic Impact Assessment Guidelines*. These are the third set of guidelines produced by the Review Board to help clarify the environmental impact assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley. They are meant to be used as a planning tool to help communities, government, developers, regulatory agencies, government departments, Aboriginal groups, and any other party to an environmental assessment.

In the past, environmental impact assessment focused on the impacts that development could cause to the biophysical environment. Now, impacts on society, culture, and economic activity have also gained importance. Coming from the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, one of the Review Board's guiding principles is to protect the social, cultural and economic well-being of residents and communities in the Mackenzie Valley.

In a socio-economic impact assessment, the Review Board looks at all of the good and bad changes that can happen to the lives and circumstances of people, their families and their communities because of a development project. Socio-economic components that the Review Board considers include health, sustainable wildlife harvesting, access to land, heritage resources, business and employment opportunities, services and infrastructure, and income and lifestyle.

These guidelines help people:

- identify the key concepts and goals of socio-economic impact assessment;

- understand how socio-economic impact assessment relates to the unique requirements of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*;
- clarify the roles and responsibilities of every party involved in the process;
- understand the Review Board's expectations for conducting socio-economic impact assessment; and
- access tools, methods and other socio-economic impact assessment resources.

Other documents related to the development of these Socio-economic Impact Assessment Guidelines are available on our website at reviewboard.ca in the Reference Library under socio-economic impact assessment resources.

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