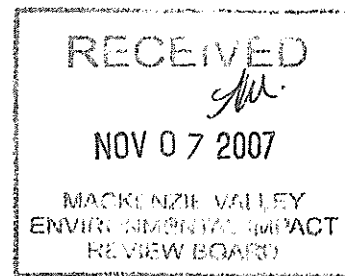




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Dear Ms. Testart:

RE: Comments on the Draft Workplan for EA0708-001 Selwyn Resources Mineral Exploration at Howard's Pass

In response to the call for comments dated October 31st, 2007, INAC is providing comments on the Draft Workplan issued by the Review Board.

INAC suggests that the description of the project as an "advanced mineral exploration program" be changed to "mineral exploration program". The formal definition of an advanced exploration program includes activities that are far beyond the scope of work which was applied for (*i.e.*, shaft excavation, bulk sampling, all-weather access road).

INAC feels that the four headings (Regulatory, Environmental, Socio-economic and Establishment of a Park) described in Section 4 are misleading, as the issues listed could appear under more than one heading. As such, INAC suggests that the issues be described under Valued Components (*i.e.*, social, wildlife harvesting, heritage resources).

INAC agrees with the Review Board that reclamation be included conceptually in the scope of assessment.

INAC requests that the role of government bodies be included in Section 5. This pertains to the role of government in the EA process including INAC's role as a regulatory body, a responsible Minister, a Federal Minister and a technical advisor to the Review Board.

INAC requests that the Responsible Ministers' Decision be included in Section 6 under the 'Milestones' table.

If public hearings are held, INAC will participate.

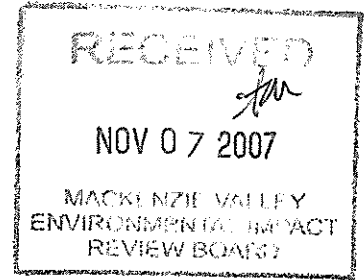
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If you have any questions about these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Kris Vascotto in Environment & Conservation (867) 669-2600, or myself at (867) 669-2647.

Sincerely,

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Hi Adrian,

Please find the attached comments from INAC in response to the Call for Comments on the Draft Workplan for Selwyn Resources Exploration Drilling Program in Howard's Pass.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is problem with transmission. I can be reached by email at kvascotto@ainc-inac.gc.ca or by phone at (867) 873-2600.

Thank you again.

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Kris Vascotto

