



**Just Completed! EA0607-003**  
**UR Energy Inc. - Screech Lake Mineral Exploration**

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the federal Minister and responsible ministers adopted the Review Board's recommendation to reject this proposed mineral exploration program in the upper Thelon River watershed.

In addition, the federal Minister and responsible ministers showed interest in the Review Board's suggestions. The ministers have committed to having a plan by the end of November, which will outline an approach to deal with the broader issues of development in the region.

**Active Environmental Assessments**

▶ **Taltson Hydroelectric Expansion Project**

Dezé Energy Corporation Ltd. EA0708-007  
Status: *Environmental Assessment Start-up*

This is a hydroelectric project that adds a new 36 MW power plant at the existing 18 MW Taltson Twin Gorges Plant and includes transmission lines through the Akaitcho region and Monfwi Gogha De Niitlee. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referred this proposed development to environmental assessment because it might have significant adverse impacts on the environment and might be a cause of public concern. The Review Board will begin issues scoping for the environmental assessment in November.

▶ **Hunter Bay Mineral Exploration**

Hunter Bay Minerals Inc. EA0708-006  
Status: *Drafting Workplan*

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the McTavish arm of Great Bear Lake. The Review Board is currently drafting a workplan, which will be released sometime later in November.

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**Upper Thelon River Watershed Mineral Exploration Programs**

Status: *Environmental Assessment Start-up*

The Review Board will be reviewing comments submitted by interested groups regarding the different options on how to conduct the four environmental assessments listed below.

▶ **Crab Lake Mineral Exploration**

Bayswater Uranium Corp. EA0708-005

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the Dubawnt River Watershed of the Thelon River Drainage Basin.

▶ **E1 Lake Mineral Exploration**

Bayswater Uranium Corp. EA0708-004

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the Dubawnt River Watershed of the Thelon River Drainage Basin.

▶ **North Boomerang Lake Mineral Exploration**

Uravan Minerals Inc. EA0708-003

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the upper Thelon River watershed.

▶ **South Boomerang Lake Mineral Exploration**

Uravan Minerals Inc. EA0708-002

This is a proposed mineral exploration program in the upper Thelon River watershed.

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## Active Environmental Assessments *cont'd*

### ▶ **Selwyn Project**

Selwyn Resources Ltd. EA0708-001  
Status: Drafting Terms of Reference and Workplan

This is a mineral exploration program on the NWT - Yukon boarder. In October, the Review Board held issues scoping sessions in Tulita. The scoping session to be held in Norman Wells was cancelled due to weather and is being rescheduled. Interested groups and members of the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the draft Terms of Reference and Workplan once these documents are released.

### ▶ **Pine Point Pilot Project**

Tamerlane Ventures Inc. EA0607-002  
Status: Awaiting public hearing undertakings

This is a proposed lead-zinc mine in the South Slave region. In October, the Review Board held a public hearing in Fort Resolution. The public record for the environmental assessment will be closed on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007. After which time, the Review Board will carefully consider all the evidence on the public record and begin drafting its Report of Environmental Assessment.

### ▶ **Exploratory Drilling at Defeat Lake**

Sidon International Resources Corp. EA0506-006  
Status: Drafting Report of Environmental Assessment

The Review Board is currently drafting its Report of Environmental Assessment for the environmental assessment of this mineral exploration program.



*The Review Board recently travelled to Fort Resolution to hold a public hearing on the Tamerlane Pine Point Project.*

### ▶ **Drybones Bay Exploratory Drilling**

Consolidated Gold Win Ventures Inc. EA0506-005  
Status: Drafting Report of Environmental Assessment

The Review Board is currently drafting its Report of Environmental Assessment for the environmental assessment of this mineral exploration program.

### ▶ **Yellowknife Gold Project**

Tyhee NWT Corp. EA0506-004  
Status: Awaiting Developer Confirmation of project change

The developer has notified the Review Board of a likely change to the project description for this proposed gold mine. Consequently, the developer is likely to re-apply to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board. The assessment remains on hold until further information is received from the developer.

## Active Environmental Impact Reviews

### ▶ **Gahcho Kué Diamond Mine**

De Beers Canada Inc. EIR0607-001  
Status: Awaiting Environmental Impact Statement

The Panel has finalized and released the Terms of Reference and Workplan for the environmental impact review of this proposed diamond mine near Kennady Lake. The Panel will now wait for De Beers Canada to complete its Environmental Impact Statement, which is anticipated to be completed in early in 2008.

### ▶ **Mackenzie Gas Project**

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. EIR0405-001  
Status: Undergoing a Joint Environmental Impact Review

The Review Board, the federal Minister of Environment and the Inuvialuit Game Council jointly established the Joint Review Panel to interdentally review this proposed gas pipeline. Visit: [www.ngps.nt.ca](http://www.ngps.nt.ca) for more information.

## Awaiting Ministerial Approval

### ▶ **SDL-8 2D Geophysical Program**

Paramount Resources Ltd. EA0506-007  
Status: Report of Environmental Assessment awaiting Ministerial approval since **November 2006**

On November 14<sup>th</sup> 2006, the Review Board recommended to the Minister of INAC that this proposed oil and gas development in the Cameron Hills area proceed to the regulatory phase subject to the appropriate measures recommended by the Review Board

### ▶ **Dehcho Geotechnical Survey**

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. EA0304-009  
Status: Report of Environmental Assessment awaiting Ministerial approval since **February 2005**

On February 28<sup>th</sup> 2005, the Review Board recommended to the Minister of INAC that this oil and gas development proceed to the regulatory phase with appropriate measures. In June 2005, the Minister of INAC initiated the consult-to-modify process. The Review Board continues to await feedback from the responsible ministers.

## Dialogue = Understanding = A Stronger Co-management Regime



Back row (L - R) – George Govier, Rick Walburne, Martin Haefele, Scott Duguid, Mary Tapsell, Dean Holman  
Front row (L - R) – Jana Grandjambe, Patricia McNeely, Karen Ceasar

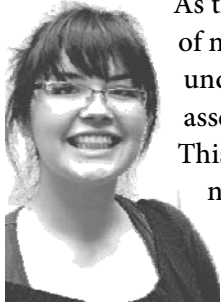
In October, Martin Haefele and Mary Tapsell senior environmental assessment staff at the Review Board, journeyed up to Fort Good Hope to meet with staff from the Sahtu Land and Water Board.

They spent a day and a half reviewing procedures, discussing how to improve processes and generally getting a better understanding of roles, functions and challenges each board faces.

It was a very productive meeting and the Review Board wishes to extend its appreciation to the Sahtu Land and Water Board for hosting the meeting.

# This is what we do

## - Issues Scoping Sessions



As the community liaison officer, part of my role is to help people better understand environmental impact assessment in the Mackenzie Valley. This new column in the Review Board's newsletter will help to do that. Since, many of our recent environmental assessments have included issues scoping sessions, this month I hope to offer a quick explanation of what they are and why the Review Board hosts them.

During issues scoping sessions, the interested groups and members of the public are asked to share their views about what issues and outstanding questions they feel the Review Board should make sure it learns more about throughout the rest of the developments environmental assessment.

By knowing early in the environmental assessment process what the most important issues are, the Review Board can develop a focused Terms of Reference and a workplan that allows everyone to dedicate their limited resources and time to the most important issues while making a solid environmental impact assessment decision at the end.

Scoping sessions provide an important opportunity for everyone who is interested to share their views about the proposed development and its potential impacts. It is an opportunity to have everyone in the room together and have them interact with one another in a meaningful way.

In the next newsletter, we will learn about what the next step is in an environmental assessment.

Jessica Simpson  
Community Liaison Officer



(L – R) Two young smiley faces, Fred Andrew and Judith Wright-Bird sitting in on the Selwyn Project's issues Scoping Session, which was held in Tulita in October.

On Sunday, Nov. 4th at 2:00 a.m.,



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