



STAFF REPORT

Company: New Nadina Explorations Limited	
Location: Lac de Gras, NT	Application: MV2004C0036
Date Prepared: January 16, 2012	Meeting Date: January 20, 2012
Subject: Request for Extension to Storage Authorization	

Purpose/Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to present to the Board a recommendation from staff that:

The Board authorize New Nadina to store items associated with Land Use Permit MV2004C0036 until September 11, 2012.

Background

New Nadina's Land Use Permit (MV2004C0036) for a mineral exploration program consisting of geophysics, mapping, till sampling, and diamond drilling for the Monument project on the southwest shore of Lac de Gras commenced on September 14, 2004 and was extended until September 13, 2011. This permit was approved for a Storage Authorization on September 20, 2011 until January 31, 2012; a request was received in our office for an extension to storage authorization until September 11, 2012.

Discussion

An application to continue exploration work conducted under MV2004C0036, with the addition of trenching and large-diameter drilling activities is currently under review (W2011C0004). On September 20, 2011, the WLWB ordered further studies, pursuant to paragraph 22(2)(b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations*, requiring New Nadina to engage the Akaitcho Dene First Nations. The WLWB has not yet been able to determine the adequacy of this engagement and, therefore, has not yet been able to issue a new permit. A storage authorization is necessary to allow New Nadina to continue to store items on site until a new permit is issued.

Board staff spoke with AANDC Land Use Inspector Nahum Lee via phone on September 15 and also via email; the Inspector did not have any concerns with a storage authorization for New Nadina at that time. New Nadina's request to extend the storage authorization was forwarded to Inspector Clint Ambrose to notify him that an extension request was received in our office. The Inspector acknowledged receipt of the storage authorization request and did not raise any concerns.

Recommendation

Board staff recommend that:

The Board authorize New Nadina to store items associated with Land Use Permit MV2004C0036 until September 11, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

- Request for Storage Authorization