

A FEW DEPARTURES

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board regrets to announce the departure of Margot Trembath, Policy and Communications Advisor, in November of 2005. Margot has moved on to a position with the Ministry of Environment in Alberta; we wish her success in her new job. Also departed is Jalil Mustafa; after spending a short time with us as a Regulatory Officer he has moved on to become Chief Geologist with Century Mining in Val d'Or, Quebec.

WEK'EEZHII LAND & WATER BOARD

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is pleased to recognize that the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board commenced work on February 4th, 2006. Established under the Tlicho Land Claim and Self-Government Agreement of August 4th, 2005 and recent amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, the new board assumes responsibility for land-use permitting and water licensing throughout the Tlicho Land Claim settlement area.

The new Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board is a unique co-management body, with appointees from the Government of Canada, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Tlicho Government. It currently has four appointed members:

- Violet Camsell-Blondin - Federal Appointee and Interim Chair
- Joyce Rabesca - Federal Appointee (nominated by the GNWT)
- Alfonz Nitsiza - Tłı̨chǫ Government appointee
- Joseph Judas - Tłı̨chǫ Government appointee.

The new Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board's main office will be located in Wekweèti. Currently, staff of the Wek'èezhii Board are working with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board office in Yellowknife to ensure a smooth and efficient transfer of jurisdiction. The Wek'èezhii Board intends to recognize and continue, subject to any limitations of law and procedure, any work carried out by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board on active applications.

BOARD TRAINING PROGRAM

A recent report by the Auditor General of Canada has identified that while a framework of unique administrative tribunals based on co-management between Aboriginal peoples and Canada have been established, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has not met its responsibility to ensure that the Boards thus established have the requisite knowledge and skills with which to carry out the mandates with which they have been charged. Willard Hagen, chair of the Gwich'in Land and Water Board is steering an initiative on behalf of the NWT Board Forum to seek support and resources from INAC to develop and implement a program of studies to address the task of providing Board members with the knowledge and skills they need to undertake the critical task that they have been assigned. Willard has attracted interest and involvement from not only the many Boards throughout the NWT, but from INAC, Aurora College and industry as well. A business plan for the initiative is in preparation, hopefully for presentation to the department in time to be considered in the new fiscal year.

DIAVIK DIAMOND MINE WATER LICENSE RENEWAL

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board received application for renewal of the Water License at Diavik Diamond Mine in August of 2005. Technical Sessions regarding this application were held at the Yellowknife Ski Club in December. Due to concerns raised during the Technical Sessions, Public Hearings scheduled for March 15th and 16th have been postponed indefinitely and will be rescheduled once these concerns are resolved.

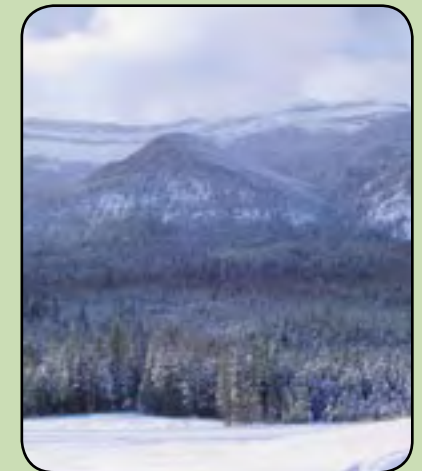
DE BEERS CANADA – GAHCHO KUÉ

On November 24th, 2005 the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board received an application for a Type "A" Land Use Permit and Water License for the Gacho Kué Project. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board deemed this application complete and sent it out for review by other agencies and interested parties.

De Beers Canada Inc.'s Gahcho Kué Project is located 90 km southeast of their Snap Lake Project and approximately 300 km northeast of Yellowknife. The proposed diamond mine will extract 2.1 million tonnes of ore per year over the 15 year projected life of the project.

Comprised of 3 separate kimberlite pipes, mining at the Gahcho Kué Project will be phased open pit operations with material extracted from the later pits used as backfill for those previously mined. As all three deposits are located under Kennady Lake, the proposed mine will involve dykes and drainage to portions of the lake to access the kimberlite deposits.

On December 22nd, 2005 the application was referred for Environmental Assessment by Environment Canada to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. The review by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has begun and will likely be complete in mid 2007, after which the permitting phase will begin.



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Water Licences and Land Use Permits

Activity Oct 2005 - Dec 2006

Closures of permits and licences

Company	Permit #	Activity & Location
1. Wilson Claud McBryan	N1998C0844	Mineral Exploration Gordon Lake Area

Applications of new permits and licences

Company	Permit #	Activity & Location
2. Edwin Lindberg	MV2005W0033	Timber Harvesting Liard Hwy km 160
3. Paramount Resources Ltd.	MV2005A0030 MV2005L1-0013	Oil & Gas Exploration Cameron Hills Area

Assignments

The following permits were assigned to a new company:

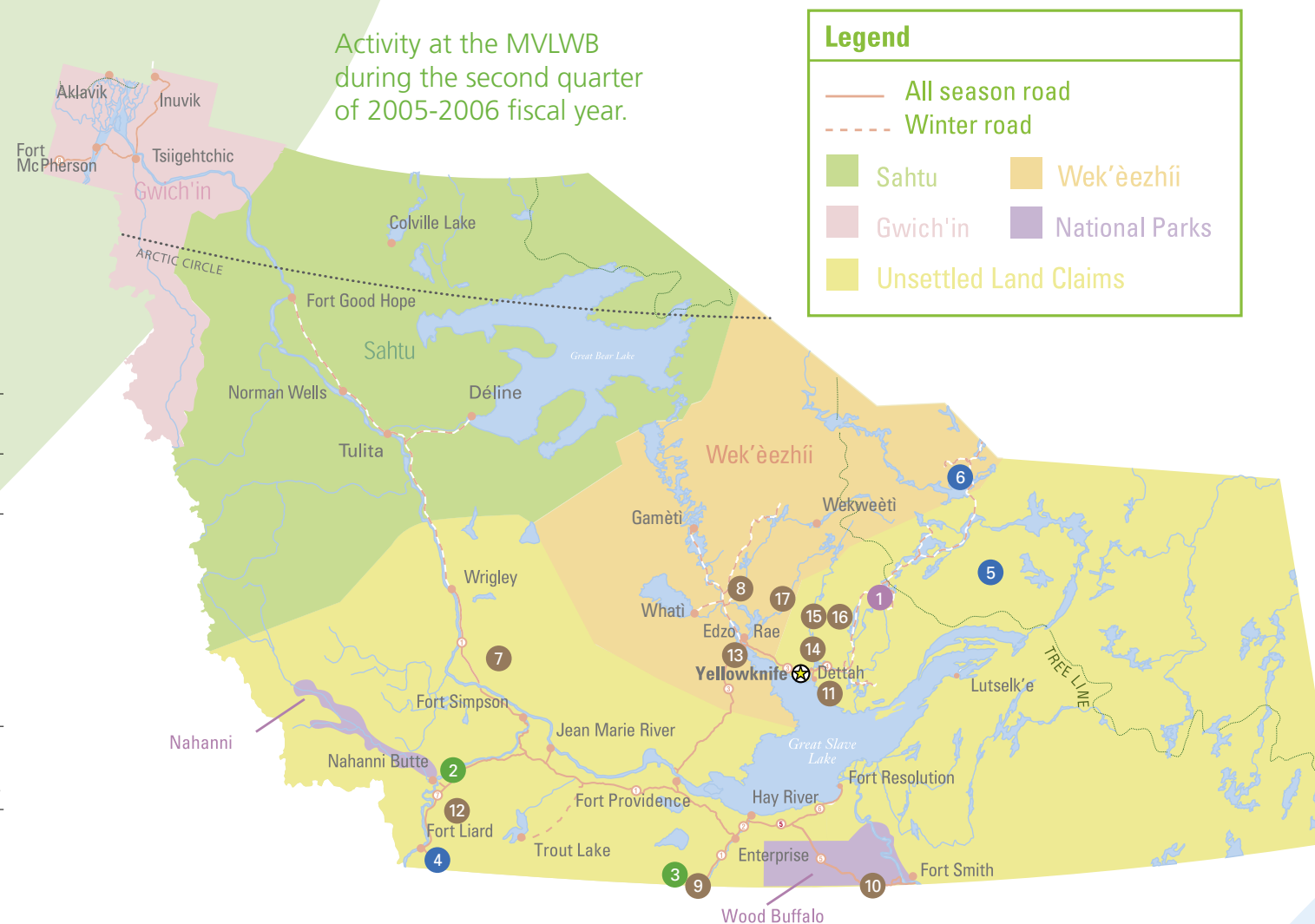
Assignor	Permit/Licence #	Assignee & Location
Northern Hemisphere Development Corporation	MV2000C0007	Silver Standard Resources Inc. Sunset Lake/Beaulieu River

Reports

In accordance with conditions in existing Water Licences, the following reports were presented to the Board:

Company	Permit/Licence #	Report
De Beers Canada Inc.	MV2001L2-0002	Emergency Response Plan
De Beers Canada Inc.	MV2001L2-0002	Groundwater Quality & Quantity Monitoring Plan
North American Tungsten Corp.	MV2002L2-0019	Contingency Plan & Short Term Closure Reports
Canadian Zinc Corp.	MV2001C0023	Abandonment & Restoration Plan
De Beers Canada Inc.	MV2001L2-0002	Ore Storage, Waste Rock & Processed Kimberlite Plan
Miramar Con Mine Ltd.	N1L2-0040	Conditional Approval Sections 2.0 - 4.0 of Final Closure & Reclamation Plan
GNWT Department of Transportation	MV2001L3-0012	Glycol Mitigation Operational Plan
GNWT Department of Transportation	MV2001L3-0012	Plan of Operations & Maintenance of Waste Disposal Facilities
BHP Billiton Diamonds Inc.	MV2001L2-0008 MV2003L2-0013	Terms of Reference for the Ekati Closure & Reclamation Plan Working Group
Canadian Zinc Corp.	MV2001L2-0003	Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities Inspection Report
Contaminates and Remediation Directorate, INAC	MV2004L8-0001	Contingency Plan

Activity at the MVLWB during the second quarter of 2005-2006 fiscal year.



Legend

-  All season road
-  Winter road
-  Sahtu
-  Wek'èezhii
-  Gwich'in
-  National Parks
-  Unsettled Land Claims

Amendments, renewals, extensions and storage authorizations

Company	Permit/Licence #	Activity & Location
4. Paramount Resources Ltd.	MV2002A0051 MV2002L1-0010	Oil & Gas Exploration Fort Liard Area
5. De Beers Canada Inc.	MV2001C0065 MV2003L2-0005	Mineral Exploration Gahcho Kue Project
6. Peregrine Diamonds Ltd.	MV2004C0044	Mineral Exploration Lac De Gras Area

Extensions

Company	Permit/Licence #	Activity & Location
7. Rowes Construction Ltd.	MV2000Q0044	Quarry Hwy 1 km 521
8. NWT Power Corp	MV2000F0058	Snare Forks Hydro Plant
9. Patterson Sawmill Ltd.	MV2001W0078	Wood Cutting Operation Cameron Hills Area
10. Bill Norn	MV2000Q0009	Quarry, HWY 6 km 64
11. Garth Wallbridge	MV20000F0008	Access Road Pontoon Lake
12. Anadarko Canada Corp.	MV2002A0067	Oil & Gas Exploration Fort Liard Area
13. RTL Robinson Enterprises Ltd.	MV2000T0065	Staging Area Mosquito Creek
14. RTL Robinson Enterprises Ltd.	MV2001Q0002	Quarry Properous Lake
15. RTL Robinson Enterprises Ltd.	MV2001F0004	Winter Road Construction Ingraham Trail to Giauque Lake
16. RTL Robinson Enterprises Ltd.	MV2001F0005	Winter Road Construction Gordon Lake to Nicholas Lake
17. Chatworth Resources	MV2000C0061	Mineral Exploration Spirit Lake Camp

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