



**Yukon  
Water Board**

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November 22, 2004

Expatriate Resources Ltd.  
#701-475 Howe Street  
Vancouver, BC V6C 2B3  
(SENT BY FAX AND MAIL)

Attention: Harlan Meade, President and CEO

**RE: WATER USE APPLICATION QZ01-051**

I would like to confirm that your letter dated November 10, 2004, regarding the advanced exploration project for the Wolverine property, was received by our office on November 17, 2004. I can assure you that I am giving this application the utmost priority in order to process this application in a timely manner. Due to the volume of detail that was provided as part of your application, a full technical review of the application was required which extended the general timeframe that was provided to you in our pre-application discussions.

In my letter to you, dated November 15, 2004, I outlined several components of your project for which additional information is required by the Waters Regulation and to meet Board needs.

A water use application is declared adequate when the Board's minimum requirements have been met to ensure that the public and parties who will be included on the distribution list are provided sufficient information to determine if they will be making recommendations to the Board about that application. A public notice will be placed in two local newspapers at that time providing a deadline date that will be a maximum of 18 days from the date the notice is published. The application will also be distributed to approximately 25-30 parties. The list will vary depending on the application, and could include various Government of Yukon Departments, affected First Nations, Federal Departments, Municipal Governments if appropriate, Registered Trapline Concession Holders should the project be located in the trapline area, Renewable Resources Councils, and NGO's such as the Yukon Conservation Society and the Yukon Salmon Committee.

All interveners are required to copy all correspondence regarding an application, to the applicant. The applicant is welcome to respond to any intervention received prior to and after the deadline date in the public notice. It is the applicant's responsibility to inform this office if a response will be submitted to the Yukon Water Board for any of the interventions received.

I would be pleased to meet with you or a member of your project team while you are in Whitehorse in order to discuss your application further. If you would like to make arrangements for a meeting or if you have any questions, please contact me collect at (867) 456-3980

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Sincerely,



Kelly Boutilier  
Licensing Officer

Cc: Register, Exhibit 4.5  
Robert Holmes, Director-Government of Yukon, Minerals Management Branch (K-9)  
Premier Dennis Fentie-Government of Yukon (A-1)