

Part 4: Appendices

Appendix 1: Addendum to Screening Report

Addendum to Screening Report, Ketz River Mine Care and Maintenance

Conducted pursuant to the Yukon *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA)

On January 26th, 2007, the Development Assessment Branch of the Executive Council Office, as Responsible Authority (RA) for the EAA screening report for the Ketz River Mine Care and Maintenance Project, received notice from the Water Board Secretariat that Ketz River Holdings has applied to extend the duration of their type A Water Use Licence from September, 2007 to December 31st, 2009.

The original screening report dated October 18th, 2005, established a maximum temporal scope for the Water Use Licence at the licence term that had been originally applied for (September, 2007). The current project proposal is therefore for an undertaking that is different than that proposed when the assessment was conducted.

Section 20(1) of EAA allows RAs to use existing environmental assessments for projects that have changed. Section 20(1)b specifically allows RAs to use an existing environmental assessment for a project in relation to a physical work (a mine in this case) where "...the proponent proposes an undertaking in relation to that work different from that proposed when the assessment was conducted;". RAs are to use the existing environmental assessment to whatever extent appropriate.

The RA referred the proposed Water Use Licence extension to a consultation that involved the parties that provided substantive comment into the original screening, including the Ross River Dena Council; no comments were received that opposed the extension request or questioned the effectiveness of the original mitigation to address the proposed change in temporal scope of the project.

The RA for this project has considered the change in the project proposed in the form of an extension of the temporal scope of the project and has determined that the mitigation measures identified in the October 18th 2005 Screening Report still apply and that no additional measures are required to mitigate against likely significant adverse environmental effects. The scope of this addendum is limited to the extension of the term of the Water Use Licence to December 31, 2009.

EAA determination: 16(1)a

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