



Yukon
Water Board

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du Yukon*

August 22, 2007

Chief Simon Mervyn
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by fax: 867 996 2107

Re: Water Use Application QZ06-074, Elsa Reclamation and Development Co. Ltd.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 15, 2007, which has been included in the water use register as exhibit 5.4

Your letter indicates that Elsa Reclamation and Development Co. Ltd. are "in the process" of submitting an application. In fact, the application was submitted on March 26, 2007, and it was determined to be adequate for public review in July. At that time, our office distributed the application to several parties, including the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun. The deadline for submission of interventions was originally set at August 13, and that was later extended to August 27. That August 27 deadline remains the same and there will not be a further extension.

With regard to your request for a public hearing into this application, the board will consider that request, as well as the applicant's response, at the next available meeting.

Your letter of August 15 does not indicate that a copy was sent to the applicant. Our office has forwarded it to Elsa Reclamation and Development Co. Ltd. on your behalf.

If you have any questions about the water board process, please call me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judi White".

Judi White, Manager
Yukon Water Board

cc: Distribution List, as of Aug 22, 2007 - by email or fax

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Exhibit 4.5