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# INFO-KIT ON THE WINDY-CRAGGY MINE PROPOSAL IN N.W. BRITISH COLUMBIA

## including:

- 1) Official correspondence
- 2) Related Materials
- 3) News Clippings (Spring-Summer 1990)

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Spring-Summer 1990

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WINDY CRAGGY MINE IN N.W. BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Minister of Fisheries and Oceans



## Ministre des Pêches et des Océans

May 25, 1990

Mr. Jim Fulton, M.P.
Room 754, Confederation Building
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letter of April 6, 1990, requesting that the Environmental Assessment Review Process (EARP) be applied to the "Windy Craggy" copper mine proposal by Geddes resources Limited.

Please be assured that this proposal, which you have brought to my attention, is being subjected to an environmental review pursuant to the EARP Guidelines Order. A decision with respect to the need to refer this project to the Minister of the Environment for him to establish a public review panel will be taken in light of the results of that review.

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours truly,

Bernard Valcourt

# TK July 14/90





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May 14, 1990 Ottawa, Ontario

The Rt. Hon. Joe Clark Secretary of State for External Affairs 165 East Block House of Commons

Dear Mr. Clark:

I am most pleased to note that your Ministry will require a full EARP of the proposed Windy Craggy project in the Tatshenshini watershed.

I trust that you will make the necessary arrangements for the matter to be reviewed by the International Joint Commission as I know first-hand of U.S. concern about this project.

Sincerely,

Jim Julton, MP

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CC: Hon. E. Davey Fulton, IJC Hon. Lucien Bouchard Mr. Ray Robinson, FEARO FRANK H. MURKOWSKI ALASKA

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Honorable Jim Fulton, M.P. House of Commons Ottawa Ontario KlA OA6,

Dear Jim:

I appreciate hearing your concern with the open-pit copper mining proposal by Geddes Resources LTD. in Northwestern British Columbia, Canada. I have been contacted by a number of individuals who share your concern with this proposal.

I have asked the company, the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Haines to explain the benefits of the project, and asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (US F&W), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), to evaluate its potential environmental impacts. I feel that this information will prove helpful in weighing the impacts and benefits of this proposal for the affected communities in Southeast Alaska.

While it is clear that spinoff economic growth from this project will occur, it is important that we look at the whole picture, and ensure minimal adverse environmental impacts. Among other important habitats, it is essential that the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve remains pristine and unaffected, that impacts on commercial fishing in Dry Bay be considered, and that important salmon and trout habitats in the Alsek and Tatshenshini Rivers be protected.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on this most serious matter; I will keep them in mind as this process moves forward.

Sincerely.

Frank A. Murkowski United States Senator





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May 3 1990

Honourable Lucien Bouchard, MP Minister of the Environment 511-S, House of Commons Ottawa KIA OA6

Dear Minister.

While I have already raised my concerns about the proposed Geddes' Windy Craggy mine with you directly, and have alerted the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Environment to the orebody's grave potential to generate massive acid mine drainage over long periods of time; and to the fact that I would prefer the orebody to be left undisturbed and the site declared a National Park; I want to make sure that you have in writing a clear statement from me calling for a complete Federal Environmental Assessment of this project.

The watershed draining the site becomes a transboundary river which could be irreparably harmed should acid mine drainage become a reality here. Moreover, the Tatshenshini drainage and surrounding highlands are home to many rare and special species of flora, fauna and perhaps fungi. As there are as yet no impacts from human activities, except those produced by ore disturbing mineral exploration, the region must be viewed as a major candidate for total protection as an ecologically sensitive wilderness area - before ore disturbing blasting and drilling and overburden removal begins in earnest.

very sincerely,

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May 9, 1990

The Honorable Jim Fulton, M.P. House of Commons Ottawa, Canada K1A OA6

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter regarding Geddes Resources' development of the large Windy Craggy Mine in Northwestern, B.C. I appreciate your update.

At this time I do not have any specific suggestions for you about downstream impacts in Alaska. I expect feedback from state officials and others in Alaska soon. I understand that Geddes scheduled a public meeting in Haines next Monday to answer questions about the project. I expect some of the issues with respect to Stage I of the environmental assessment will be identified during that meeting.

In addition, I was informed that several state agencies including the Division of Governmental Coordination, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Department of Commerce and Economic Development are providing comments on the Stage I document to Environment Canada. I am told that the state is satisfied, at this time, with its participation in the process and does not believe review by the International Joint Commission under the Canada-United States Boundary Waters Treaty is warranted.

I will let you know what I hear regarding Windy Craggy development from the Governor of Alaska and my constituents in Haines. My staff has begun to research the specifics of the project. If there are significant outstanding concerns about transboundary water quality questions, perhaps the International Joint Commission could be utilized.

Again, Jim, thank you for your update. I will be in contact with you soon should I have suggestions regarding development of the mine. Please feel free to contact me at any time about the project. I appreciate hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

TED STEVENS



## Province of British Columbia

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Mr. J.R. Fulton, M.P. Skeena 4650 Lakelse Avenue Terrace, British Columbia V8J 1R2

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Please find enclosed two copies of our recent information letter on the proposed Windy Craggy mining project.

This is the first of a series of information letters which will be produced by the Mine Development Steering Committee on the Windy Craggy proposal. The main purpose of the information letter's first issue is to notify the public of locations where the proponent's Stage I submission may be reviewed. This five volume submission of Geddes Resources Limited assesses the environmental and socio-economic impacts associated with the proposal. The reports have been submitted as part of the technical requirements of the provincial Mine Development Review Process. Background material which discusses the Mine Development Review Process in greater detail is included as an addition to the information letter.

This information letter has been forwarded to members of the public who have requested to be included on our mailing list for the Windy Craggy project. Copies have also been distributed to municipal councils and Native groups who may have an interest in the proposal, as well as government review agencies in British Columbia, the Yukon and Alaska.

Future issues of the Mine Development Review Process' Windy Craggy information letter will be distributed as the project proceeds through the Review Process. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr. Norman Ringstad, Acting Chairman, Mine Development Steering Committee, if you feel we may be able to offer any further clarification about the Review Process for the Windy Craggy project. We may be contacted at (604) 356-2212 or in writing at:

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Room 105, 525 Superior Street Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Sincerely,

Tom Greene

Manager of Special Projects and Community Affairs

Mineral Resources Division

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Enclosures: Two copies of Windy Craggy Information Letter (Issue No. 1)



Minister of the Environment

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## MAY 1 1990

Mr. Jim Fulton, M.P. Skeena Room 754, Confederation Building House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Thank you for your letters of January 31, February 27 and April 6, regarding the Iskut mining road project and the Windy Craggy mine proposal. Please excuse the delay in my reply.

Both projects fall within the Northern Coast Mountains Region of the national parks system plan. The area is already represented by Kluane National Park Reserve and, therefore, the Canadian Parks Service has no plans to seek further representation within that region. In addition, because the project lies outside the Yukon Territory and the park reserve, land use decisions are the responsibility of the provincial government.

As you may know, the federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process (EARP) is, in its initial stages, a self-assessment exercise. Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, which is funding the Iskut road project, is responsible for ensuring that the EARP guidelines have been followed. Once an initial evaluation has been completed, the Honourable Jake Epp will determine whether a public review is required.

Geddes Resources Limited (GRL) is undertaking a comprehensive study of a proposed Windy Craggy access road corridor. Under the Canada/British Columbia Mineral Development Agreement (MDA), funding of up to \$50,000 was made available by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR) and by the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. That money will be used for specific studies on fisheries and wildlife, and for geotechnical assessments of the proposed route.

GRL has submitted the first stage of the Windy Craggy project environmental impact assessment (EIA) to the British Columbia Mine Development Review process. My department is conducting a detailed review of the minesite environmental assessment to ensure federal concerns, such as downstream salmon resources and transboundary water quality, are adequately addressed. Environment Canada is also co-ordinating a review of the project by the departments of Fisheries and Oceans and of Transport and by U.S. environmental agencies. Following the review of the first stage EIAs, federal agencies will determine how the Environmental Assessment and Review Process applies.

I trust that my comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Lucien Bouchard





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Ottawa, Ontario April 6, 1990

Hon. Lucien Bouchard, MP Minister of Environment

Hon. Bernard Valcourt, MP Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

Dear Ministers,

I am certain that your officials have by now alerted you to the implications of the Geddes Resources' Windy Craggy mine proposal.

First off, that entire Alsek Tatshenshini River ecosystem should be part of the National Park System.

Even setting that aside, a basic analysis of the Stage 1 report reveals that the Acid Mine Drainage problems associated with the project are vast.

The Windy Craggy copper rock contains on average 35 % sulphur (most B.C. mines have 5 % and even they face serious environmental problems). The mine and waste rock sites will have massive sulphuric acid and toxic heavy metal production potential.

Large quantities of toxic, acid, bioaccumulative effluent (sulphuric acid, copper, cobalt, zinc, etc.) would drain from the tailings pond; estimated at 16,000 to 80,000 gallons per day. The plan to recapture this "leachate" after escape through the dams is not technically feasible.

Waste rock is to be deposited on the glacier and mixed with layers of limestone which is locally available. Over time these layers of limestone could lose their neutralizing capacity and cause bursts of acid mine drainage.

Serious independent impact studies have not been done on the potential volume or composition of liquid drainage from the site under all possible weather, surface runoff and groundwater flow conditions. I suggest you arrange for this.

A study of the percentage of liquid drainage which would "escape" and its impact on the Tatshenshini is needed.



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AUDREY McLAUGHLIN
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NOUVEAU PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE

OTTAWA April 16, 1990

The Hon. Lucien Bouchard, PC, MP Minister of the Environment House of Commons OTTAWA, ONT K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Bouchard:

Re: Proposed Windy Craggy Mine Development

This proposed development in the northwest corner of British Columbia will have a serious impact upon a remote wilderness area. Given the scope of the project and its repercussions on the environment, a full environmental review is essential.

Such a review must provide full and complete consultation with the public. The impacts of such a project on an area like this are too enormous to be dealt with in a haphazard way.

I trust that you are planning to institute the full environmental review process. I certainly urge you most strongly to do so.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Audrey McLaughlin, MP Yukon

Leader of the New Democratic Party





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#### MATERIALS RELATING TO THE WINDY GRAGGY MINE PROPOSAL

- 1) Brief Overview provided by Public Affairs International
- 2) Champagne-Aishihik Indian Band concerns and announcement of comprehensive land claim to area
  - 3) B.C. Government Info-Letter: How to plug into Mine Development Review Process
    - 4) Yukon Hansard: April 26 1990

## Not included:

Many letters from concerned residents of B.C., Yukon, Alaska, and other areas & public interest groups - particularly environmental organizations.

As we have learned from Equity Silver at Houston, British Columbia, the site would drain and produce A.M.D. for centuries. Thus studies must be made of all possible site impacts going far into the future, including earthquake impacts as the area is highly active.

Your early assurance that these and other impact studies will be done is appreciated.

Jim Fulton, MP

JF/dgd

- cc Members, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environment
  - Members, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Forestry and Fisheries; Sub-Committee on Fisheries.



## C. Socio-economic

The project would create 500 jobs during 3 years of development and construction, and 600-650 jobs during operation. The annual payroll during operation is estimated at \$25 million, with annual operating supply costs estimated at \$45 million. Estimated tax generation to all levels of government over the first 10 years of operation is \$200 million. The capital investment required to develop the mine is estimated at \$500m.

#### D. Ownership

Geddes Resources Limited was incorporated in Ontario in 1981. As of the end of 1989, Northgate Exploration Limited owned 37%, Cominco Limited owned 17%. The company is listed on the T.S.E., and has offices in Toronto and Vancouver. Gerald Harper is the President and Chief Executive Officer.

#### 2. Current Status

Geddes Resources has submitted its Stage 1 Socio-economic and Environmental Impact Assessment for Windy Craggy to the B.C. Mine Review Committee. The Committee has reviewed the document, and has asked Geddes to alter its mine development plans, and conduct a number of engineering studies to address both geological and environmental issues. These studies are underway, and will be submitted as an addendum to the Stage 1 Report this fall. The Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources, Environment and Fisheries and Oceans, as well as a number of U.S. Federal and State of Alaska authorities, have reviewed the Stage 1 Report and have provided comments to B.C. officials.

Because of the size and location of this mine, Geddes will be required to submit its plans to full EARP review. Hopefully, the review will be a joint Federal-provincial exercise. B.C. officials have already indicated their willingness to cooperate in a joint process.

## Memorandum



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From:

David Garrick c/o Jim Fulton, MP David Crapper

ubject:

Geddes Resources Ltd. Briefing on Proposed Windy Craggy Mine, B.C.

26 July 1990

Further to our recent conversations, our firm has been retained by Geddes Resources Limited to assist them with the government relations aspects of their proposed Windy Craggy copper mine development in north western B.C. The purpose of this note is to provide some background on the project, and to request an opportunity for a meeting between you, and Mr. Fraser, and Gerald Harper, President of Geddes, to brief you on the proposal.

#### 1. Background

#### A. Location

The Windy Craggy development is situated in the Alsek Mountain Range approximately 190 kilometres south west of Whitehorse, in the northwestern pan-handle of B.C. Discovered in 1958 by Frobisher Exploration (now Falconbridge Ltd.), Geddes Resources acquired ownership of the property in 1983.

## B. Geology

Windy Craggy is a world scale copper deposit, which, if developed, will increase annual copper production in B.C. and Canada by 120,000 tonnes per year, or about 1% of world production for at least 20 years. Exploration is continuing, and the potential for increasing reserves is considered excellent. An ultimate mine life of more than 40 years is considered likely.



## 3. Meeting Request

As I mentioned on the phone, Gerald Harper essentially splits his time between Toronto and Vancouver. Schedules permitting, we could arrange a meeting either in B.C. or Ottawa. Through August, Mr. Harper is primarily in B.C., so if you wanted to give me some dates to choose from, we'll see if we can make them work.

Thanks for your help. We'll be in touch.



## CHAMPAGNE-AISHIHIK Indian Band

May 23, 1990

Ms. Lois Craig, Chair Regional Environmental Review Committee Northern Affairs Program 200 Range Road Whitehorse, Yukon

Dear Ms. Craig:

Attached please find the comments of the Champagne-Aishihik Indian Band with respect to deficiencies in the Stage 1 application of Geddes Resources for the development of the Windy Craggy project. After our review of the application material in 5 Volumes we are recommending that a decision regarding approval-in-principle be deferred until further studies are carried out in Stage 2 of the B.C. Mine Development Review Process.

As you will note in our submission, the Southern Tutchone and Tlingit people of the Champagne-Aishihik Indian Band have a strong interest in the social, economic and cultural development of the renewable and non renewable resources of our traditional lands which extend south from the Yukon into British Columbia. We have recently registered a comprehensive claim with the Government of Canada for our aboriginal rights to the B.C. portion of our homeland.

Our interests cover not only the impacts of the proposed Windy Craggy mine development that would occur in the Yukon, but also include the development, operation and abandonment of the mine itself in B.C. We are concerned that if the mine receives approval, that it be developed according to sound social, economic and environmental principles. Accordingly we are pleased to submit our recommendations on deficiencies to be included in the terms of reference for Geddes Resources in Stage 2 of the review process.

We will be pleased to meet with you to discuss any of the issues raised in our submission. We look forward to continued involvement in the review of the Windy Craggy project.

Yours sincerely

Chief Paul Birckel

c.c. all interested parties

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Wednesday, May 6, 1992

Le mercredi 6 mai 1992

## M-670-Mr. Fulton

April 8, 1992—That, in the opinion of this House, the government should evaluate the benefit to all Canadians of including the Tatshenshini Alsek watershed for protection as wilderness, thus allowing the area to become part of the 12% of Canada preserved and protected in its natural state as recommended unanimously by this House on June 17, 1991.





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April 22, 1992

Hon. John Crosbie Minister of Fisheries & Oceans 418-N, Centre Block House of Commons Ottawa K1A 0A6

Dear Minister,

As you know Geddes Resources Ltd. submitted a Revised Mine Plan for their Windy Craggy project in December 1990. followed a letter to this Office from Rt. Hon Joe Clark of June 15/90 which stated: "The Review by Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada indicates that the potentially adverse effects mine plan documented in the Stage I report the unacceptable".

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As you know the Parliament of Canada passed a Motion last June to work with the Provinces and Territories to set aside in protected status 12% of Canada by 2000.

You are also likely aware of the study done for the federal government several years ago which concluded that the opportunity to complete the National Park system will be gone by the year 2000 due to land alienation for various developments.

Would you please advise from both a policy and a political perspective how you plan to handle the GEDDES/Windy Craggy - Alsek/Tatshenshini issue.

Sincerely,

Jim Fulton, M.P.

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That the Government evaluate the benefit to all Canadians of including the Tatshenshini Alsek watershed for protection as wilderness, thus allowing the area to become part of the 12% of Canada preserved and protected in its natural state as recommended unanimously by this House on June 17, 1991.

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