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1994						
November 25, 1994	RERC		KZK	Preliminary discussion on project		Cominco
1995						
August 2, 1995	RERC	Whitehorse	KZK	Project overview		Cominco
August 8, 1995	Yukon Renewable Resources		KZK	Wildlife studies		Cominco
September 13, 1995	RERC		KZK	Site visit		
September 19, 1995	RERC		KZK	Update on work in progress re: acid generation studies and cumulative effects		Cominco
September 20, 1995	RERC	Ross River	KZK	Presented further information regarding baseline studies, tailings impoundment and proposed airstrip location		Cominco
October 25, 1995	RERC		KZK	Report on work in progress regarding water quality modeling		Cominco
November 28, 1995	RERC		KZK	Report on work in progress regarding waste, tailings and water management systems		Cominco
December 11, 1995	AMCL	Ross River	Wolverine	High zinc and cadmium levels in sediments and animal bioassays	Follow-up required when carrying out further baseline studies	Westmin

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	AMCL	Ross River	Wolverine	Winter trail will make the Wolverine Lake accessible to other groups and will increase pressures on wildlife resources, especially moose and caribou. Control measures will be required to mitigate risk	Natural access routes already exist but there is no evidence that these are being used on a regular basis	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Is the surface lease a trigger for CEAA.	Yes	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Will DIAND require a public hearing if Ross River Dena Council is on the RERC?	Involvement of RRDC important, but does not protect Westmin from appearing before the public. Public covers a broad interest range. Westmin encouraged to consult with other affected communities, First Nations and government agencies early in the planning.	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	What happened if RRKD don't want to be part of RERC?	DIAND would not force the RRKD to join RERC	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Potential interveners	RRDC, Fish and Game Association, Yukon Conservation Society, Friends of the Wolves, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Association, other First Nations, trappers etc.	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	How is RERC developed?	Composed of reps from DIAND, Yukon government and relevant First Nations for projects which have potential to affect their traditional territory	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Will DIAND recognize other First Nations groups?	Reviewed once Westmin's proposal received.	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Are there valued ecosystem components (VECCs)?	Identified after defining applicable boundary setting issues. Westmin to look for values related to traditional use of the land.	Westmin

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	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	If SAE entered into with RRDC, is this adequate level of compensation in relation to the overall socio-economic impact assessment process?	SEPA's are positive steps; DIAND takes other parameters into consideration pursuant to CEAA. Westmin encouraged to consult with affected communities, First Nations and other stakeholders	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Main triggers for CEAA	Land issues, water licenses and related permits, environmental issues and concerns	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Will airstrip construction require a permit	No. Although may be required to undergo assessment under certain circumstances.	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	What aspects of SEPA would likely arise	Land use, employment and business opportunities to affected communities and First Nations	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Which regulatory agency will be involved in projects of this nature and what are their roles and level of involvement?	DIAND responsible for coordinating permits and requirements for assessing environmental effects under CEAA. Will liaise with other Government agencies	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	Is the CEAA a requirement for permit applications	Yes, under CEAA Westmin required undertaking certain environmental effects assessments.	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	What would be the best approach to the project? Permitting into two phases? Exploration and advanced exploration programs?	Discussion: Westmin should apply for permits to cover both programs in two phases to avoid delays. Would be required to amend its Land Use Permit to reflect projected degree of use for 1996.	Westmin
	DIAND	Ross River	Wolverine	What are the schedules for Land Use Permits?	Class A: 42 days or less, Class B: 10 days or less (more time if info inadequate or Class B bumped up to A)	Westmin
1996						

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March 8, 1996	RERC		KZK	Presented summary of IEE		Cominco
June 26, 1996	DIAND		Wolverine	DIAND Land Resources representatives: Land use and project access issues and CEAA review process		Westmin
June 27, 1996	DFO		Wolverine	Discussed fisheries issues in Wolverine Lake, fisheries assessment programs, benthic survey techniques		Westmin
June 28, 1996	DIAND		Wolverine	Met with DIAND Environment reps, discussed First Nations involvement and consultation, land use in project area and cumulative effects		Westmin
	DIAND		Wolverine	Met with DIAND Mineral Resources reps, discussed mining land use regulations, project development timeline, First Nations involvement, wildlife, heritage resources, acid rock characterization		Westmin
	DIAND		Wolverine	Met with DIAND Water Resources reps, discussed climate and water quality monitoring, project development plans		Westmin
June 28, 1996	YTG Renewable Resources		Wolverine	Discussed wildlife, project activity and development plans, cumulative effects, traditional ecological knowledge		Westmin
September 13, 1996	RERC		KZK	Present response in relation to requests for more information and discuss technical issues pertaining to water management and water quality		Cominco

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2000						
October 12, 2000	Chief Federal Negotiator	Vancouver	Wolverine	Summarize Expatriate's interests in the area and history with local First Nations and to get back ground on land claims history and progress		
October 17, 2000	YTG Renewable Resources		Finlayson	Introduce company and provide summary of future activities		Expatriate
October 17, 2000	DIAND		Finlayson	Introduce company and discuss permitting requirements		Expatriate
October 18, 2000	DFO, DOE, DIAND Water Resources		Finlayson	Introduce company and discuss permitting requirements		Expatriate
2001						
January 12, 2001	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Separation of Finlayson project assessment and advanced exploration proposal	Decisions regarding the Finlayson Project permitting will be based on the exploration work.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Underground storage of waste rock	Waste characterization test work on materials as they are removed from the underground. Long-term management will be dependent on decisions related to development of the Finlayson Project. If the project is developed, potentially acid generating materials will be moved to storage facilities at KZK. If the project is not developed and permanent closure of the Wolverine site is required, permanent storage of the acid generating waste rock will be required. At this time the company will investigate the potential for permanent land disposal in a lined facility and/or returning waste rock to the flooded area underground for sub aqueous disposal.	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Assumption of Cominco's SEPA for KZK	Expatriate is assuming the KZK SEPA. Negotiations of SEPA for the Wolverine and other exploration activities on Expatriate lands is underway. Exploration work on previous Cominco lands covered by Cominco SEPA and the SEPA currently being negotiated will cover work on Expatriate and Wolverine Joint Venture lands.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	KZK wildlife monitoring going well, agreement to continue over new activities	Wildlife monitoring agreement provides principles and support for regional monitoring activity; not spatially constrained. Expatriate will work within the spirit of that agreement for the advanced exploration program at Wolverine and other parts of the Finlayson Project development. Assessment of exploration road alternatives heavily weighted by these considerations. For this reason, the Company did not assess in detail a direct road connection to the Robert Campbell Highway from the Wolverine Property.	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Winter road not a haul road, reduces environmental effects	<p>The use of a winter road exclusively would provide significant benefit to the Company in terms of reclamation and environmental liability. As such, the Company considered this option. It was concluded that the limitations of a winter road could present a risk to the successful implementation of the advanced exploration program. Issues identified by the Company include seasonal limitation of program initiation, logistical issues with stockpiling of materials, and lack of ground access support during the underground development, captive equipment and lack of flexibility in addressing potential closure and long term management options at the site. The Company has addressed these concerns by revising the originally proposed routes to include a barge/ice road across Wolverine Lake. This concept could not be used as the ore haul corridor required by the Finlayson Project and reduces the total road construction required for the advanced exploration program, therefore reducing the potential for environmental effects.</p>	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Southern route bisecting caribou habitat and cause disturbance.	Traffic along the proposed road will not be persistent. The majority of road traffic will occur in two periods; mobilization and demobilization from the Wolverine site. The road is not intended for long term use (limited to two years by Land Use Permit under the <i>Territorial Land Use Regulations</i>). A review of the herd database provided by Renewable Resources indicates that caribou are present in the area primarily in the early fall (rut Season), indicating that seasonal management and avoidance methods could be applied as a mitigation to potential effects on caribou.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Northern route would be more hidden and maintain "wilderness area" attributes	Completion of the northern route would require major bridge crossing of Nougha Creek and road construction in this area and around Wind Lake would pass through permafrost and bog areas; very difficult road building with potential for noticeable initial effects to terrain.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Winter road along northern route would avoid permafrost issues	Winter road along the northern route would require tree clearing since this is a forested area. Winter road along the southern route would not require tree clearing. As previously mentioned, the exclusive use of a winter road presents logistical and program flexibility risks which would effect the successful implementation of the advanced exploration program.	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Rick Lakes used extensively for recreation. An access road would disrupt that.	Expatriate is currently negotiating agreements with the Kaska First Nation which will cover compensation for disruption of traditional use. Guide outfitters are present in the area during the hunting season. Road traffic can be managed to limit potential effects to their activities.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Northern route option: extend down past Wind Lake to KZK tote road	The East Creek area is very wet and would be a difficult build. East Creek in this area is considered to be an important habitat component for the Finlayson Creek fish population. This route would be unnecessarily long and not preferred.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Southern route as winter road?	Some moose in the area during early November but otherwise few wildlife concerns.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Environmental management procedures	Has been established.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Caribou fence in Muskrat House valley	Some mention in archaeological reports, not found or identified. Heritage studies will be carried out for the proposed access route before it is constructed.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Swans nesting in Muskrat House Valley	None observed in this area.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Southern route would take longer time to return to wilderness setting due to open terrain	The Company has proposed reclamation measures that are intended to expedite the return of the road to a natural appearance.	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	More assessment of a winter road option should be included in application	The Company undertook a detailed assessment of the equipment, materials and activities required to implement the proposed advanced exploration program (BGC, 2001). Based on this assessment, the company concluded that limited, seasonal access would present a risk to the successful implementation of the program.	Expatriate
January 16, 2001	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Is the Company prepared to commit to one road for all activities including advanced exploration and ore haul activities?	One road would be preferable but may not be achievable. An example of this is the crossing of Nougha Creek proposed in the Northern Route. A crossing of this magnitude would be very difficult to achieve as part of an advanced exploration program. As part of a larger project, it becomes a more reasonable alternative to consider. The issue of using existing temporary roads for upgrade to ore haul will be considered in Finlayson Project EA.	Expatriate
	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Blasting residues, ammonia a potential water quality issue from the underground.	Gel type explosives will be used as necessary to minimize losses to the environment. Dewatering and discharge from the development during exploration will be carried out under controlled conditions. Water quality will be monitored and treated if required. If ammonia and nitrogen species are an issue, a bioreactor plant will be brought on line to treat the discharge. A similar type exists at Homestake's Nickel Plate Mine.	Expatriate

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	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Potential issues with long-term drainage from adit	Adit developed as a decline. Surface conditions and drill information indicate that it is relatively deep to groundwater and the adit is not likely passively drained. If necessary, long term closure of the adit and underground working will include measures to limit adit drainage. These measures can be developed at a later date when the conditions and long term fate of the underground workings are clearer.	Expatriate
	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Will the mining contractor be required to exercise environmental controls?	Yes, this is a requirement of Expatriate's environmental policy.	Expatriate
	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	B Licence is only for advanced exploration program?	Yes.	Expatriate
	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Groundwater baseline data available?	Only anecdotal information available from exploration drilling. Surface conditions indicate that groundwater is not near surface in the area proposed for the portal.	Expatriate
	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Moving materials back underground for closure may result in "humidity cell" effect in underground workings.	Materials will be characterized and stockpiled to allow selective removal from the stockpile if necessary. If the long term closure plan is to include moving potentially acid generating materials back underground, these materials will be placed only in areas that are permanently flooded under natural conditions (i.e. no wetting and drying cycles and no humidity cell effect).	Expatriate

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	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Will the temporary dump be lined to reduce seepage to groundwater?	The location selected is reported to provide dry conditions with little or no potential for groundwater infiltration to the stockpile or seepage to the surrounding aquifer. The sloped cap and seepage collection which are incorporated in the design of the stockpile will limit and control potential seepage. Geotechnical investigations this summer will confirm the foundation conditions at the base of the proposed stockpile. If necessary, a liner will be used in the stockpile design to limit effects on groundwater.	Expatriate
	EC, DIAND Water Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Is there any water quality data for the proposed road crossings?	There is water quality for most streams in the area. The proposed access road does not cross any significant drainages. Stream crossings will be ground truthed and water samples taken before construction.	Expatriate

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February 20, 2001	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	Has the Company considered an access option following the previous winter road out to the Robert Campbell Highway?	<p>The option to connect to Robert Campbell Highway was considered in initial screenings but was eliminated early based on previously stated wishes of the Kaska First Nation and YTG Renewable Resources to limit access corridors to the region. . New road would need to be built to move around these areas. The existing winter road crosses Nougha (Wolverine) Creek which, for reasons stated in previous meetings, cannot be done for this program. This means that even for a winter road, new road would need to be slashed out of the forested area on the east side of the creek. The area on this side of the creek near the Robert Campbell Highway is also on R-Block and the particular area hosts a number of archaeological sites, including cabins and graves. The length of new road would be several kilometres longer since the original winter road crossing was fairly far up the creek.</p>	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	The access provisions that are applied to the KZK road could be applied to the Robert Campbell Highway access option. This option presents less of an intrusion into the caribou habitat south of the project area and limits access to those areas.	The terrain south of the project area (caribou habitat) is easily accessible once you have reached the general vicinity of the project. The terrain is open and passable by snow machine and four track vehicles. For this reason, the proposed southern route does not constitute a dramatic increase in the accessibility of the area. The forested area between the Robert Campbell Highway and the highlands to the south of the project area acts as a barrier and buffer. Additional access corridors linking the Robert Campbell Highway to these southern areas present a higher potential for human intrusion to the area than the proposed southern route.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson		The controlled access provisions applied to the KZK Road are expensive. Unnecessarily doubling that expense by having to maintain two controlled accesses is not preferred. To the knowledge of the Company, the Kaska First Nation are opposed to any additional access routes.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	The proposed southern route has the potential to alienate calving and rutting areas.	The Company undertook a more detailed assessment of potential wildlife effects of the proposed advanced exploration project, including the access road. The conclusion of the report is that significant adverse effects to local wildlife (including caribou) are not likely to result from this program.	Expatriate

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	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	The access road has the potential to alienate these back country areas, particularly Rick Lakes, as wilderness destinations.	It is possible that these areas will be less appealing to wilderness enthusiasts and hunters with the presence of the road. It should be noted that the company is considering this to be a temporary road. Long term road access to the Wolverine area for the Finlayson Project will be considered as part of the environmental assessment of that project.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson		There are other stakeholders (mining companies, First Nations) with an interest in these lands. The possibility that occasional visitors will find the area less appealing due to the activities of other interests in the area should be weighed against the potential benefits of mineral exploration activity and mining in the area.	Expatriate
	YTG Renewable Resources	Whitehorse	Finlayson	The Kaska First Nation would like to see maps of the area which show the caribou data provided by Renewable Resources and the various themes presented on the Expatriate maps (heritage sites, wildlife habitat features, land tenure boundaries, proposed access options etc.). This would aid in their internal discussions regarding access routes.	Expatriate undertook to develop and provide their maps to the Kaska First Nation for this purpose.	Expatriate
2005						
February 15, 2005	YTG Economic Development Branch	Whitehorse	Wolverine	Discussions on transport options.		Yukon Zinc
February 15,	DFO, YTG	Whitehorse	Wolverine	Preliminary EAR deliverable		

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2005	Energy Mines and Resources; ECO			discussions.		
February 15, 2005	Yukon Energy Corporation	Whitehorse	Wolverine	Reviewed options for site power.		
February 15, 2005	YTG Highways and Public Works	Whitehorse	Wolverine	Status of improvements to Robert Campbell Highway		
March – September, 2005	YTG Project Coordinator, ECO, government agencies, consultants, Ross River YESSA Coordinator	Whitehorse and via teleconference	Wolverine	Technical Committee meetings to discuss EA Guideline requirements, 2005 field programs, EAR deliverables and design criteria,		

Appendix 5-2 First Nations Consultation

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1994						
September 14, 1994	Liard River First Nations		KZK	Discuss exploration work and canvass views and concerns on mine development		Cominco
September 15, 1994	Ross River Dena Council		KZK	Discuss exploration work and canvass views and concerns on mine development		Cominco
1995						
January 11, 1995	Ross River Dena Council		KZK	No-hunting zones, heritage review of winter trail and tote road security		Cominco
February 13, 1995	Liard River First Nations		KZK	Overview of advanced exploration program and environmental baseline studies		Cominco
February 15, 1995	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	KZK	Overview of advanced exploration program and environmental baseline studies		Cominco
June 16, 1995	Liard River First Nations		KZK	Update on the project for chief and council		Cominco
August 2, 1995	First Nations representatives	Whitehorse	KZK	Project overview		Cominco
August 8, 1995	Ross River Dena Council		KZK	Wildlife studies		Cominco
September 13, 1995	First Nations representatives		KZK	Site visit		

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September 14, 1995	Liard River First Nations	Ross River	KZK	Meeting held to discuss environmental assessment process, IEE guidelines, project overview and environmental studies		RERC
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	KZK	Meeting held to discuss environmental assessment process, IEE guidelines, project overview and environmental studies		RERC
December 12, 1995	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Westmin must address impact of proposed project on VECCs		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Berry picking and rice harvesting areas will be impacted		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Medicinal values impacted		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Cultural heritage values affected and must be addressed		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Effects of the project on fish, fish habitat and water quality must be addressed		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Contaminants may accidentally enter lakes and creeks		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Hunting opportunities will be affected		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Construction of an airstrip and winter trail may result in an influx of people, and have an impact on wildlife. Must be planned and studied properly.		Westmin

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	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Number of planned mines must be kept to a minimum		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRDDC would be sole negotiating body		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRKD concerned about impact on caribou and moose herds and calving areas		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Concerns about thin-horned sheep herd grazing in area		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRKD would like to enter into SEPA with Westmin		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRKD wanted to know why Westmin did not offer employment and business opportunities during 1995 exploration program		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Westmin's relationship with other First Nations		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Influx of people may deplete resources		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRKD proposed formation of Environmental Advisory Committee to deal with environmental issues. Aboriginal Liaison Manager would be appointed to coordinate and chair committee - would act as liaison between RRKD and Westmin		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRKD would like support for widening of road between Ross River and Frances Lake		Westmin

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	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Westmin should learn about cross-cultural issues		Westmin
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	RRKD would like to work with Westmin but not prepared to sacrifice traditional land for the dollar. All project components have to be planned bearing in mind the fundamentals of sustainable development		Westmin
1996						
March 8, 1996	First Nations representatives		KZK	Presented summary of IEE		Cominco
April 24, 1996	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Elders concerned about wildlife; want the area back to the way it was after they are done		RERC
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Concern the airstrip will be used by third parties for hunting caribou	Reassured that the airstrip will not be used unless in an emergency	
May 23, 1996	Ross River Dena Council		KZK	Meeting		RERC
June 19, 1996	Liard River First Nations		KZK	Discuss input on the review of the IEE		DIAND
1997						
January 31, 1997	RRDDC and RRDC		Wolverine	Review project program		Westmin
	RRDDC and RRDC		Wolverine	Concern over communications breakdown between RRDDC and Westmin	Westmin to make considerable effort to spend more time in Ross River	Westmin

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	RRDDC and RRDC		Wolverine	Concern over alcohol in camp and negative effects on First Nations people	Proposed meeting with RRDDC members in camp to try to understand the issues and identify mutually agreeable resolution	Westmin
	RRDDC and RRDC		Wolverine	More time needs to be spent with Aboriginal Liaison Officer to cultivate relationship	Both parties to provide a job description to the other that identifies needs and actions for the Aboriginal Liaison Officer and issues that need to be addressed in a communications and operations plan, should be in place before commencement of 1997 operating plan	Westmin
	RRDDC and RRDC		Wolverine	SEPA	RRDC to forward a discussion paper addressing the spirit of cooperation, management advisory committee, contracting opportunities to Westmin. Westmin will hold an information session in Ross River to review plans and progress at Wolverine.	Westmin
	RRDDC and RRDC		Wolverine	Westmin expressed frustration in not being able to achieve cooperation in wildlife surveys. Emphasized need for coordination from RRDDC. Westmin will control the amount of flying activities during the calving period.	RRDDC informed Westmin that a former YTG biologist is working in the area and will inform Westmin of the results once report completed.	Westmin
April 9, 1997	Liard River First Nations		KZK	Presentation of details and principal findings of environmental assessment presented to Chief and Council, and elders		Cominco
2000						

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July 19, 2000	Kaska Nation representatives		Finlayson	Provided general overview of Company and summary of project, discuss development of SEPA		Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	Group assembled to represent Kaska Nation in negotiation of final IBA		Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	Activities to be carried out in short term	Continued drilling on Wolverine deposit, finalization of deal with Cominco and assignment of water licenses for KZK, exploration on Wolverine mostly by air which does not present much opportunity for First Nations involvement since most efficient means of accessing supplies is Whitehorse and Watson Lake, Future exploration activities on KZK claims will provide some direct benefits to First Nations since it is road accessible, short-term plans include a connector road between KZK and Wolverine which will present more opportunities in road construction and maintenance as well as opening the Wolverine Project to expediting services	Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	Is Expatriate open to the idea of the Kaska Nation selecting the Finlayson Lands in land claims and working under ownership of the Kaska	No, this scenario presents too many uncertainties regarding title to lands and resources. These issues should be resolved between First Nations and Federal Government. Until this time, Expatriate will continue to deal with the Federal government.	Expatriate

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	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	Oil and gas companies have developed such agreements	Financing issues for oil and gas are different. Uncertainties in title would make financing very difficult.	Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	If the Kaska own the land, the mineral rights would still belong to Expatriate with royalties from mining activity going to First Nations. A partnership with First Nations will provide more certainty and financing would not be difficult.	Such an arrangement is not in the norms of the mining business and would present uncertainty to financiers. Look for business opportunities for First Nations that operate within the current business norms and present long-term development for local communities.	Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	What effect does trans-boundary nature of traditional territory have on land claims negotiations?	Federal government has recognized the Kaska negotiating team as representing both Yukon and BC groups, Yukon and BC governments have also recognized Kaska as a single group	Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	Concerns regarding consultation prior to staking of mineral claims	Negotiations and agreements during the development process are possible. Consultation prior to staking is not possible due to need for secrecy in intent to locate mineral claims.	Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	The Company would like to ensure benefits to local First Nations. There is an identified potential business opportunity for First Nations in supplying lime to the mine once it is developed. This presents a real, long-term business oriented solution.		Expatriate

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	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	The budget presented was intended to cover only one agreement and the Kaska would prefer to have one agreement for the integrated project, not separate ones for each component.	The agreement with Cominco included the SEPA between Cominco and Ross River and as part of the deal between Expatriate and Cominco and cannot be altered. The Cominco-Ross River agreement would act as an agreement within the overall agreement.	Expatriate
	Kaska IBA Negotiators		Wolverine	During land claims meeting, some concern had been expressed regarding the design of the KZK tailings dam.		Expatriate
October 18, 2000	Kaska Nation representatives		Finlayson	Further discussions on SEPA, and schedule/funding plan established		Expatriate
2001						
January 17, 2001	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Further discussions on SEPA, and schedule/funding plan established		
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	What is the schedule?	Road construction and underground work to be carried out as soon as financing can be arranged. SEPAsonal condition will play a significant role in the program schedule. Access is limited during lake freeze up and break up.	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	What is selenium?	Selenium is a metal associated with the ore deposit. It is a metal of environmental concern	Expatriate

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	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Will any chemicals be used?	There will be no chemicals used to process ores during the advanced exploration program. Blasting agents, fuel and lubricants, and cement will be basically the only chemical materials used at the mine.	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Where will the adit be located?	Location indicated on the map	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Have you located the caribou fence?	Some information indicates that it is in the Muskrat House creek drainage area and other information indicates that is in the Rick Lakes Valley. Robertson Dick identified a land feature on one of the photographs of the Rick Lakes area was supposedly constructed by hand as a caribou fence many years ago.	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Will the Company block access of First Nations to the area?	The area will continue to be open to First Nations use as it has in the past. There must be some consideration for safety zones around work areas.	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	How will you ensure the area is reclaimed?	We expect that there will be a requirement for a reclamation bond from the Federal government in order to carry out the advanced exploration program. It is the policy of the Company to reclaim disturbed areas in a timely and site-specific manner.	Expatriate

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	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Proposed southern route crosses R-Block. No one is allowed on these areas, even First Nations.	DIAND Lands has indicated that it is possible to grant land use permits to cross the R-Blocks. The establishment more long-term permits such as surface lease or Licence to Operate (as would be required for an ore haul route) would require a change in the status of land tenure. Consultation with First Nations is a key aspect of acquiring a Land Use Permit to cross R-Blocks.	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	What about the socio-economic agreement?	We are working on a socio-economic agreement and hope to have an agreement soon. A negotiating team, designated by the Kaska Nation, has been our primary point of contact.	Expatriate
	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	First Nations will not support development of roads within their territory until a socio-economic agreement (SEPA) is reached.	The Company and the Kaska can continue to work on the SEPA during the environmental review and approval process for the advanced exploration program. It is expected that the SEPA under negotiation can be completed prior to any road construction.	Expatriate
February 8, 2001	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	Further discussions on SEPA, and schedule/funding plan established		

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	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	What are you going to do about damage to traditional areas, recreation, water, and wildlife?	Minimize effects to wildlife through careful management. No hunting or fishing for mine employees. Socioeconomic agreement includes provision for compensation for loss of land use during mine operations. Effects on water will be controlled with water treatment. Older mines have problems with water quality but new ideas on mine management and current laws ensure that downstream water quality will be good.	Expatriate
	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	How wide will the road be?	During exploration, the access road will be about 4 to 5 m wide, same as the KZK Road. If it becomes a haul road, it will be about twice as wide (8 to 10 m).	Expatriate
	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	What about local contracting and employment opportunities?	Ross River has a distinct advantage in providing services and employees because it is so close to the mine site. In addition, the socio-economic agreements which we will have will give the community a distinct advantage.	Expatriate
	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	What types of stuff would you haul on the access road?	Groceries and camp supplies, heavy equipment, steel, concrete and explosives for underground work, and fuel.	Expatriate
	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	What about during sensitive times of the year like calving or rut?	We would have a management plan for the road. This plan would call for reduced road activity during these times.	Expatriate

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	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	What is the expected schedule for road construction?	We would like to be building the road this summer but it is dependent on financing. We may end up doing it in the fall or going in on a winter road in the winter. Also, we have a number of permits we have to get before we can start construction.	Expatriate
	First Nations representatives	Ross River	Finlayson	Are you going to build another airstrip?	Not for the exploration. There will be another airstrip, on the Robert Campbell Highway near the Kudz Ze Kayah Road during mine production to fly in workers, supplies etc.	Expatriate
February 9, 2001	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Caucus and negotiations		Expatriate
Feb. 20, 2001	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Finlayson	Discuss First Nations preferences for access routes, follows up with work already done on Finlayson caribou herd in consultation with		Expatriate
2004						
March 31, 2004	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Negotiation session on the Wolverine Project Socio-economic Agreement		YZC
April 22, 2004	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Project overview document entitled "Opportunity for Yukon Silver-Zinc Project Development, Kaska First Nation Traditional Territory, Yukon" prepared for Kaska and the Yukon Government		YZC
July 15, 2004	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Negotiation session on the Wolverine Project Socio-economic Agreement held in Ross River.		YZC

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July 16, 2004	Ross River Dena Council	Wolverine Mine Site	Wolverine	Ross River Chief and Council and Yukon Government representatives tour Wolverine Project area and meet Expatriate Board of Directors.		YZC
September 14, 2004	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River/Vancouver	Wolverine	Teleconference negotiation session on the Wolverine Project Socio-economic Agreement		YZC
October 14, 2004	Ross River Dena Council	Ross River	Wolverine	Negotiation session on the Wolverine Project Socio-economic Agreement		YZC
2005						
February 16, 2005	Ross River Dena Council-Economic Development	Ross River	Wolverine	Employment. Business development opportunities. Posting ALO position.		YZC
February 16, 2005	Open House	Ross River	Wolverine	Project update.		YZC
January-July	RRDC	Ross River	Wolverine	Continued discussion and negotiations on the SEPA Agreement.		YZC
June 16, 2005	RRDC General Assembly	Coffee Lake	Wolverine	Brief Project Update, job opportunities, introduction of Yvonne Moon as ALO		
July 2005	RRDC, Kaska Nation	Ross River	Wolverine	SEPA Agreement signed		YZC
August 15, 2005	RRDC	Wolverine	Wolverine	SEPA Signing Ceremony at Wolverine Mine site		YZC
August-October	RRDC Traditional Knowledge	Wolverine Mine Site,	Wolverine	Development of Traditional Knowledge Protocol Agreement and project proposal, Agreement		YZC

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2005	Oversight Committee	Ross River		signed in early October, progress reports to YZC		

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Public Consultation

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Date	Location	Project	Topic	Proponent
February 14, 1995	Watson Lake	KZK	Overview of advanced exploration program and environmental baseline studies	Cominco
February 15, 1995	Ross River	KZK	Overview of advanced exploration program and environmental baseline studies	Cominco
February 16, 1995	Whitehorse	KZK	Overview of advanced exploration program and environmental baseline studies	Cominco
December 12, 1995	Ross River	Wolverine	Open House meeting	Westmin
March 11, 1996	Whitehorse	KZK	Open house sessions	Cominco
March 12, 1996	Watson Lake	KZK	Open house sessions	Cominco
March 13, 1996	Ross River	KZK	Open house sessions	Cominco
March 27, 1996		KZK	Advertisements placed in Yukon News to inform about the project and invite public comment	Cominco
March 29, 1996		KZK	Advertisements placed in Whitehorse Star to inform about the project and invite public comment	Cominco
February 1997	Ross River	Wolverine	Public concerns relating to impacts to sheep, furbearers/Bears, moose, caribou, fish, trappers and guide outfitters.	Westmin
February 24, 1998		KZK	First public review session of water license application: also First Nations, government, and non-government represented	Cominco
March 3, 1998		KZK	Second public review session of water license application. Also First Nations, government, and non-government represented	Cominco
February 8, 2001	Ross River		Open House meeting, RAC formed after meeting	Expatriate
February 16, 2005	Ross River	Wolverine	Open house meeting to provide project update and discuss employment opportunities.	YZC