



OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR

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VIA FAX TO 873-6610

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
7th Floor - 4910 50th Avenue
P.O. Box 2130
Yellowknife NT X1A 2P6

Attn: Executive Director

Dear Sir:

Re: **Type "A" Water Licence Application (MV2007L8-0031) (the "Application")**
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Giant Mine Remediation Project

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs submitted the above-noted application and supporting Abandonment and Restoration Plan in October, 2007. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is currently awaiting comments on those documents from interested parties.

Although the City of Yellowknife (the "City") recognizes that the Abandonment & Restoration Plan (A & R Plan) submitted by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs for the remediation of Giant Mine is the culmination of much research and work, due to the abundance and technical nature of the material submitted with the A & R Plan, the City would like to formally request the formation of a Working Group. A Working Group would provide the proper forum for the discussion of technical matters related to Giant Mine's A & R Plan. The formation of a Working Group would allow for each phase of the A & R Plan to be reviewed and thoroughly discussed and would therefore ensure that the interests of all affected parties would be considered and evaluated in a detailed and effective manner. Membership of the Working Group could be established by invitation. Due to the proximity of this site to the City and its residents, it is imperative that remediation be carried out properly and the City would appreciate ongoing involvement either through a Working Group or other process.

If you have any questions or concerns with respect to this request, or otherwise, please feel free to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gordon Van Tighem
Mayor

cc: Bill Mitchell, DIAND
Max Hall, City Administrator

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