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Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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Attention: Shelagh Montgomery, Executive Director

Dear Ms. Montgomery

RE: Technical Advisor to the Giant Mine Working Group

This letter was written on behalf of, and with the support of, the Giant Mine Working Group. The Giant Mine Working Group was formed in 2013 and its members include:

- (i) Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC);
- (ii) Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC);
- (iii) Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT);
- (iv) Environment Canada (EC), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO);
- (v) Alternatives North (AN);
- (vi) Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN);
- (vii) North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA);
- (viii) Health Canada (HC); and
- (ix) City of Yellowknife

We are writing to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board at this time to request that Bill Slater be recognized as a Jointly Engaged Expert with the appropriate standing to allow him to provide evidence and have that evidence examined during the Giant Mine Remediation Project (the "Project") water licensing and land use permitting process.

Over the last five years Mr. Slater has served as the Technical Advisor to the Giant Mine Working Group and is intimately familiar with the material, history and efforts that have led to the recent submittal of the water license application. As a group, we strongly believe that the Board, intervenors and residents of the Northwest Territories would benefit from his continued review of, and involvement in, the Project. The Working Group members reviewed a number of different approaches whereby Mr. Slater could continue to support the Parties' throughout the water license process, with the Jointly Engaged Expert being the preferred approach. This approach has been used previously by other quasi-judicial panels under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Mr. Slater has extensive experience and knowledge regarding mine closure, contamination and regulatory processes in the North. The members of the working group have found his participation and assistance

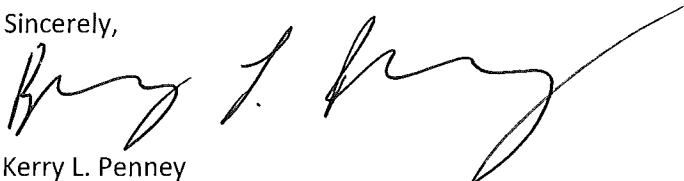
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extremely valuable over the years and have collectively agreed to support his ongoing involvement in the Project and continued assistance to the Parties.

We hope the Board can provide direction and/or approval of this request at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



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Director, Policy, Communications & Economic Development

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