

March 13th, 2013

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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Attn: Lynn Boettger, Regulatory Officer

MV2012L8-0010

Dear Ms. Boettger,

Re: Emergency work at Giant mine site and environmental assessment scope

The January 2nd, 2013 letter from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board asked for comments regarding the AANDC application for a Type B Water Licence for roaster demolition and underground stabilization at the Giant mine site.

Although these activities were originally included in the scope of the ongoing environmental assessment of the Giant Mine Remediation project, the developer describes the emerging conditions as unacceptable emergency situations for which it is applying subsection 119 (b) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. The Review Board accepts that this work is necessary to protect human health and the environment, and is willing to exclude these specific activities from the scope of the development undergoing assessment, based on the considerations described in its March 13th 2013 letter to the developer.

Considering the large quantity of arsenic in the roaster and the close proximity of a large population, the Review Board encourages the Mackenzie Land and Water Board to apply an appropriate level of caution with regard to this emergency work.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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Cc. Adrian Paradis, Giant Mine Remediation Project