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From: Tyree Mullaney <tyree@mvlwb.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 10:41 AM
To: 'MVLWB Permits'
Subject: FW: Water and Land Use Inspections at the Giant Mine

Reports and studies – other

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From: Stephen Traynor [mailto:Stephen.Traynor@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca]
Sent: May 20, 2014 5:19 PM
To: kevin o'reilly; Todd Slack
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Subject: RE: Water and Land Use Inspections at the Giant Mine

Hi Todd and Kevin,

With respect to your May 20th emails regarding water and land use inspections at Giant Mine, I offer the following response.

The health and safety of northerners and the protection of the environment are top priorities for the federal government.

AANDC is able to continue to meet its inspection obligations on federal lands in the NWT post-devolution. This includes inspections at the Giant Mine remediation project and other federal contaminated sites. The coordination of NWT inspections will be through the region's new Resource and Land Management Directorate.

Approximately 10% of NWT lands remain excluded from transfer due to other interests post-devolution. At this time, there are very few land use permits and water licences on AANDC sites. For major projects such as Giant Mine and overall environmental responsibility, the AANDC Inspector inspects operations based on the land use permit and the water licence. There are also a range of other inspectors who review the project and environment based on their mandate such as Fisheries and Oceans and Environment Canada.

Currently, AANDC has one inspector for federal excluded lands in the NWT under the MVRMA for land and water. This inspector is currently based in Whitehorse and travels to fulfill regular inspection obligations on excluded lands. It is common practice for AANDC to draw on resources from other federal offices when required. This is an interim solution and, long-term, AANDC will maintain an office in Yellowknife that will manage the remaining federal lands in the NWT. There is currently a job competition underway to staff a Yellowknife-based inspector, and we will be hiring an additional

inspector in the coming months. In the meantime, we have contingency plans in place to address the freshet season or emergencies that could arise. This plan includes the authorization to call upon inspectors from the Government of the Northwest Territories to conduct site inspections and work with the AANDC inspector to ensure compliance and follow up.

The level and nature of inspections are based on the activities on site and the level of risk. The level of monitoring and inspection of federal lands, including contaminated sites, in the NWT has not changed post-devolution. The most recent inspection at Giant Mine was on Land Use Permit MV2012S0019 on January 31, 2014. It was conducted by Nahum Lee, Water Resources Officer based at the AANDC South Mackenzie District Office. You will find that inspection report on the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board public registry. All of the activities on the site are based in the summer, beginning with freshet season. We expect the site to be inspected next in early June.

As Acting Manager of the new Lands and Resources Directorate, I am the appropriate person to contact about this matter. Should you have further question feel free to contact me directly at (867) 669-2407. The general number for Resource and Land Management Directorate at AANDC is 669-2449 or emails can be sent to NWTLANDS@aandc-aandc.gc.ca

REgards

Stephen Traynor

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>>> Todd Slack <tslack@ykdene.com> 5/20/2014 10:49 AM >>>

Following the CBC article, I left a number of messages at the numbers provided in the Chamber of Mines news alert (first week of May)...thinking that the CoM would have numbers that they don't give to parties to the EA. Alas, no one has called me back yet. No one knows who the inspector that is charged with this is...unless the project staff have been informed.

- Let's put this on the agenda for Wednesday. Also, if we can get an update on how the project made it through the first half of breakup, that'd be great too.

If you get a response, please send it around – I seriously doubt that I'll be getting a call any time soon.

Cheers,

From: kevin o'reilly [<mailto:kor@theedge.ca>]

Sent: May 20, 2014 10:24 AM

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Todd Slack

Subject: Re: Water and Land Use Inspections at the Giant Mine

Importance: High

Stephen

When we attempted to raise questions about water and land use inspections at Giant Mine, we were referred to you.

The last inspection at Giant Mine for Water Licence W2012L8-0010 available on the MVLWB website took place on December 19, 2013.

Can you please let us know if there have been any inspections since then and who conducted them? Thank you.

Kevin O'Reilly
Alternatives North

----- Original Message -----

From: Jane Amphlett <Jane.Amphlett@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca>

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 10:03

Subject: Re: Giant Working Group meeting activities week of May 21-23, 2014

To: kevin o'reilly <kor@theedge.ca>

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> Thanks Kevin, I can provide updates as below with the exception of inspectors. Please note as the proponent the project is not the appropriate department to comment on inspections and any requests for updates should be directed to the AANDC Lands department (Stephen Traynor, stephen.traynor@aadnc.gc.ca).

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> >>> kevin o'reilly <kor@theedge.ca> 5/20/2014 8:46 AM >>>

> Thanks Jane. Got the files.

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> We filled out the air quality questionnaire a while back and sent it back to AANDC and GNWT. Aside from the air quality monitoring that is taking place, there were a number of other issues that we wanted to discuss with regard to the roaster deconstructions as follows:

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> --the webcam (not in operation as of May 19 even though site activities began on May 2)

> --posting of the full Crisis Communication Plan

> --worker health and safety (are any of these workers local people and how results of testing is to be reported)

> --AANDC responses to issues and concerns raised during community engagement and review of regulatory submissions

> --storage of the arsenic contaminated waste bags at site under tarps

> --land use and water inspections by AANDC inspector(s)

> --general lessons learned from the first season of work

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> Some of these items obviously will not take much discussion but it would be helpful if there is someone present who can speak to these issues. Thanks.

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> Kevin

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Jane Amphlett <Jane.Amphlett@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca>

> Date: Friday, May 16, 2014 11:44

> Subject: Re: Giant Working Group meeting activities week of May 21-23, 2014

> To: Katherine Ross <Katherine.Ross@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca>, Morag McPherson <Morag.McPherson@DFO-MPO.GC.CA>, Stuart Niven <Stuart.Niven@DFO-MPO.GC.CA>, Amy Sparks <Amy.Sparks@EC.gc.ca>, Gordon Hamre <gordon.hamre@gmail.com>, Erika Nyysönen <Erika.Nyysonen@gov.nt.ca>, asish.mohapatra <asish.mohapatra@hc-sc.gc.ca>, matt.hoover <matt.hoover@nsma.net>, Linda Pickett <Linda.Pickett@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca>, kevin o'reilly <kor@theedge.ca>, kkronstal <kkronstal@yellowknife.ca>, jblack <jblack@ykdene.com>, tslack <tslack@ykdene.com>

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>> I sent out meeting materials yesterday however it was a large file. If anyone didn't receive them please let me know and I will post to the FTP site.

>> thanks

>> Jane

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>>>> Jane Amphlett 5/15/2014 9:20 AM >>>>

>> Hi all, attached are meeting materials for May 21st.

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>> 1) Report on Additional and Adaptive Approach to Air Quality Monitoring Data Analysis

>> 2) Presentation slides (Brian Magee)

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>> We will be meeting at 9 am in the basement boardroom Scotia Centre.

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>> Thanks

>> Jane

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>>>> Jane Amphlett 5/9/2014 3:02 PM >>>>

>> Hi all, we have upcoming meetings for the week of May 21-23.

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>> **May 21st, 2014 - full day**

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>> Our next working group meeting is confirmed for May 21, 9am - 4pm. Location TBC next week.

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>> Agenda:

>> 1) Brief site update on Site Stabilization, including start of Roaster season.

>> 2) Technical Advisor to Working Group - introductions and discussion with Bill Slater

>> 3) Presentation on Adaptive Approach to Air Quality Monitoring by Brian MaGee (Arcadis) - discussion of results and lessons learned for air quality monitoring program.

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>> **May 22nd, 2014 - as required**

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>> Bill Slater will be in town and available all day May 22 for one on one meetings with parties. Please indicate your availability to myself, or you can email Bill directly (bslater@bslater.ca) to set up a time.

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>> **May 23rd, 2014, 9 am - noon**

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>> Proposed meeting May 23, 9 am - noon. This meeting has been offered by the underground team to review the Underground Stabilization Work Plan - Stage 3. Please indicate your availability directly to Adrian Paradis by May 13th. If this time does not work the team can arrange one on one meetings or you can provide written comments by May 31.

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>> It's a busy time as site work starts back up so there is lots going on. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

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>> Thanks

>> Jane