



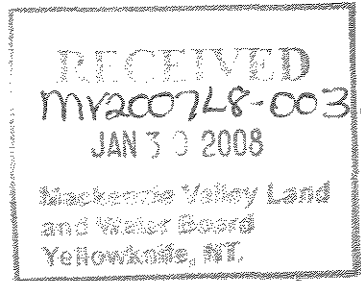
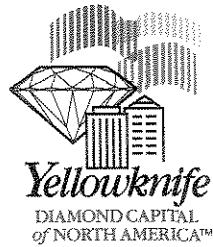
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January 21, 2008

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**Attention: 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 (the “A&R Plan”) in October, 2007. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) requested comments on those documents from interested parties to be submitted by January 21, 2008.

Due to the amount and highly technical nature of the documents submitted, and the close proximity of the site to the residents of the City of Yellowknife (the “City”), the City has requested the formation of a Working Group so that each phase of the A & R Plan can be reviewed and thoroughly discussed by interested parties as the various steps of the Giant Mine Remediation Project (the “Project”) are implemented.

The City of Yellowknife has reviewed the Water License Application and supporting documents and will outline its comments in the following paragraphs.

### **B3 Pit**

In the A&R Plan, the B3 pit is to be used as the inflow point for surface flows until those flows no longer require treatment before being discharged into the surrounding environment. The pit is then to be re-contoured by pushing in the slopes to partially fill in the pit. (A&R Plan pg 150)

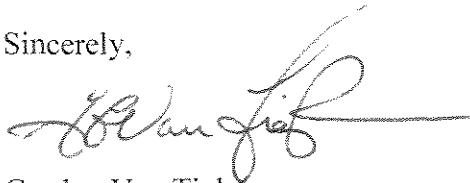
In Supporting Document E2 – Pit Stability Review, it is stated that the floor of this pit is subsiding in the central northern area. As this pit has one of the only active adits currently in use, and will continue to be used until surface flows no longer require treatment, the City would like to know what is being, or will be, done to ensure the safety of this area.

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*According to Section 21 of the Northwest Territories Waters Act, 1992, c. 39, the MVLWB must hold a public hearing where it is considering the issuance of a Type "A" Water Licence. Therefore, the City would like to advise that it intends to participate fully in any public hearing that is scheduled for review of this Project.*

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon Van Tighem", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gordon Van Tighem  
Mayor

cc: Bill Mitchell, DIAND  
Max Hall, City Administrator