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**RE: RETRACTION OF NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO SUBMIT LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR
BLASTING AT GIANT MINE SITE**

On February 19, 2018, the Giant Mine Remediation Project sent a letter to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and the Giant Mine Project Distribution List providing notification of the intention to submit a Land Use Permit Application for the use of explosives on site. The requirement for the use of explosives is in support of previously approved activities (i.e., installation of pumps at Akaitcho and underground site stabilization) under Water Licence MV2012L8-0010 and Land Use Permit MV2016S0016, as amended December 18, 2017. Since then, the Giant Mine Remediation Project has identified a land use permit is not required for use of explosives because the Giant Mine Site is within the jurisdictional boundary of the City of Yellowknife, as per Section 4(b) of the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations.

The GMRP confirms it will not be storing any explosives on site during blasting activities. Best management practices for blasting and appropriate due diligence will be applied to ensure safe and proper handling of explosives at all times. The approved Dust Management Plan will be implemented during blasting activities to ensure fugitive dust is minimized.

Should you have any questions or require any clarification regarding the information in this letter, please contact the undersigned by phone at (867) 669-2838 or by email at Natalie.Plato@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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Giant Mine Remediation Project

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