



March 26, 2020

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BY EMAIL

Dear Ms. Allerston:

MV2007L8-0031 & MV2019X0007 Giant Mine Remediation Project

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is committed to ensuring that Canada is provided with unrestricted surface access to and occupancy of the Giant Mine site for the purpose of remediation. The GNWT continues to work with the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) and the City of Yellowknife towards this goal.

Since the April 16, 2019¹ letter a revised reserve under the *Commissioner's Lands Act* was issued on February 10, 2020 for the surface of the land of the site, to include additional areas around the Giant Mine site that will undergo remediation activities. This area includes all land portions of the site, not subject to other land interests. An application for a reserve under the *Northwest Territories Lands Act*, setting aside the bed of the body of water adjacent to the land reserve is currently being processed. It is expected that this reserve will be issued in the spring/summer of 2020.

There is a portion of land (the Town Site) that the City of Yellowknife has tenure to. The GNWT is actively working to ensure this land is available for the remediation project. Negotiations on access and occupancy to this portion of the site are on-going with the City, the GNWT and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. The parties will notify the board once an agreement is reached.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Haener
Deputy Minister
Lands

¹ Giant Mine Remediation Project Reserves; Letter from GNWT dated April 16, 2019 <http://registry.mvlwb.ca/Documents/MV2007L8-0031/MV2019X0007%20MV2007L8-0031%20-%20DIAND-GIANT%20-%20GNWT%20Description%20of%20Federal%20Reserve%20Lands%20for%20Giant%20Project%20-%20Apr16-19.pdf>



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