

April 13th, 2012

To Parties of the Giant Mine Remediation Project Environmental Assessment
EA 0809-002

Dear Parties,

Re: Extension granted for technical reports

On March 15th, 2012, the Review Board received a letter from the Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) requesting that deadline for technical reports for this environmental assessment be delayed to mid-July 2012. The Review Board invited parties to comment. Alternative North submitted its views on April 2nd, 2012, and was the only party to do so.

The Board has carefully considered the request and the related correspondence, and has decided to grant the extension. The Board notes that YKDFN communities are in close proximity to the project, and that the project is in the traditional territory of the YKDFN. The meaningful participation of the YKDFN is an important part of this environmental assessment. Recognizing the amount of information the YKDFN Giant Mine Advisory Committee must review, and that the committee's funding was only established late in 2011, the Review Board finds it reasonable and fair to give the YKDFN the time it has asked for.

The Board notes that it invited the developer to comment on the YKDFN request and that the developer did not voice any concerns about it.

Wednesday July 11th, 2012 is the revised deadline for parties to submit their technical reports to the Review Board. Other important dates have been adjusted as follows:

- The pre-hearing conference will be held on Thursday July 26th, 2012. All parties wishing to participate in the hearing should come to the pre-hearing conference.



- The hearing will be held from Monday September 11th through Friday September 14th, 2012.

The Review Board strongly encourages the developer and parties to use the additional time to work together to reach agreement on outstanding issues such as project oversight, a perpetual care plan (including stable funding) and the key details of the environmental management plan.

Sincerely,

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