



Giant Mine Environmental Assessment

IR Response

Round One: Information Request - City of Yellowknife #07

May 31, 2011

INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE

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Request

Preamble:

The DAR outlines the four Environmental Subcomponents for evaluating community interests: Land Use, Visual and Cultural Setting; Socio-economic Conditions; Transportation, and Local Resources. Based on the remediation plan it is not adequately demonstrated that these issues have been integrated into a future land use framework for the site. It appears from the DAR that a piece-meal approach is being taken to addressing community interests by separating the remediation work stage, from the community-based future land use vision for the site. The concern is that without an integrated approach to addressing the remediation, restoration, land use and future redevelopment of the site, the Communities will bear the responsibilities, costs, and liabilities of inadequate remediation and infrastructure improvements.

Question:

1. Please provide an integrated land use plan for the site which reflects the Communities' interests and opportunities for siting residential, commercial, industrial, and passive and active recreation based on soil remediation, contamination levels, and proposed infrastructure.
2. Please provide a transportation plan for the site to demonstrate practical options for integrating existing and potential road networks, land uses, and pathways into the site.
3. Please comment on the heritage aspects of the Townsite in relation to the evaluation criteria of the community interests.
4. Please provide the potential restoration, redevelopment, or economic revitalization opportunities which might exist for the Communities regarding the future land use of the mine. What project innovation is being integrated into the site remediation process?

Reference to DAR (relevant DAR Sections):

S.1.2.1, #2 Purpose and Objectives

S.2.3.3 Soil Remediation Standards





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Summary:

The Giant Mine Remediation Project will provide a range of benefits for Aboriginal, local, northern residents. However, the creation of land use plan, transportation plan and heritage plans for the mine site are not part of the remediation activities. The Giant Mine Remediation Project Team (Project Team) will participate with the City of Yellowknife and other parties during the creation of these plans.

Response 1

The creation of an integrated land use plan of a possible future development of the mine site by the Project Team is not part of the remediation activities for Giant Mine. The Project Team can provide information and will participate in discussions with the City of Yellowknife and other parties in the development of an integrated land use plan for the mine site.

Response 2

The Project Team will work with other parties to ensure that transportation impacts are minimized on the site during site activities.

Response 3

Please refer to the City of Yellowknife IR #10 for a complete response.

Response 4

Through all of its contaminated sites projects, INAC strives to create positive social and economic impacts for the people in nearby communities. The range of benefits can include direct employment, support to local businesses through the procurement of goods and services, and training programs that help build the capacity of local residents and provide opportunities to obtain future work based on the new skills developed. The Project Team has committed to developing a Giant Mine Procurement Strategy to maximize economic opportunities in a fiscally responsible manner. The Giant Mine Procurement Strategy will build upon the principles laid out in the Contaminated Sites Program procurement strategy identified in Section 1.6.2 of the Developers Assessment Report (DAR).

