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Mr. Alan Ehrlich
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Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

Giant Mine Remediation Response to Developers Assessment Report Deficiency Statement

On October 27, 2010, the Giant Mine Remediation Project Office submitted the Developers Assessment Report (DAR) to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). In a letter dated, November 26, 2010 the Review Board noted four deficiencies. On behalf of the Government of Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories please find our response to the deficiency statements:

1. Risks of malfunctions or failure of the frozen block method;
2. Risks and impacts of intentional thaw; and
3. Hazard duration vs. lifespan of containment system.

A separate letter regarding the fourth deficiency statement for funding certainty was submitted earlier this morning from Trish Merrithew-Mercredi, Regional Director General, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – NWT Region.

Should you require any additional information or have any questions please contact the Adrian Paradis, Head of Technical and Environmental Services, Giant Mine Project Office at (867) 669-2425.

Sincerely,



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cc. Nicole Spencer, Environmental Assessment Officer, Review Board
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Attachment(s)