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Mr. Richard Edjericon, Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
#5102-50th Avenue, PO BOX 938
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Edjericon:

RE: Request for 60-day extension for the submission of answers to first round of
information requests

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board), the City of Yellowknife, the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, the North Slave Métis Alliance and Alternatives North submitted their information requests on or before February 28, 2011.

In all, the parties submitted 126 individual requests for information. However, the total of actual questions amounts to more than 250. A number of these questions are very technical and specific.

As we began vetting the requests, it became clear that a number of them require further research and analysis, something that cannot be done in such a short time frame.

We will be working with our technical advisors, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) to provide complete answers to these questions.

An extension at this point of the process will allow INAC, its technical advisors, the GNWT, Public Works and Government Services of Canada and other organizations the time required to provide the type of answers these questions merit. We believe that by taking extra time now will save time in the next steps of the environmental assessment.

It is with this in mind that I respectfully request a 60-day extension for INAC to provide answers to the information requests.

Sincerely,

Mark Palmer
Director, Giant Mine Remediation Project

cc. EA Parties

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