

January 20, 2011

Giant Mine Remediation Project EA (EA 0809-001)

Dear Parties,

**Re: Information Request deadline and process in the Giant Mine EA**

Based on the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 letters from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and the supporting letters from parties, the Review Board has decided to extend the deadline for parties' Information Request submissions.

The Board notes the delays in INAC's participant funding process. Some of these funds are intended to help parties produce Information Requests. Without access to the funding, parties will not likely have adequate time and resources to meet the existing deadline of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Review Board is concerned that the lateness of participant funding has compromised the timeliness of its process. In the interest of fairness, the Review Board is therefore extending the deadline for parties' Information Request submissions to February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The Review Board was also asked by INAC to amend the Information request process so that the Review Board issues all Information Requests. The Board considered the concerns raised by INAC however, it was concluded they do not warrant a change to the IR process already set out for this environmental assessment. The Board has decided to keep the approach described in the Revised Workplan of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

Sincerely,



Nicole Spencer

Environmental Assessment Officer