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**RE: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental
Assessment - Giant Mine Remediation Project (EA0809-001)**

Dear Chiefs,

In its June 20, 2013 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (Report of EA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended to the federal Minister and responsible ministers (RMs) that the Giant Mine Remediation Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The Report of EA is available online in the Review Board's public registry at:

<http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/>

The RMs with jurisdiction in relation to the Project rely on the environmental assessment process to gather information on potential adverse impacts of the Project on asserted or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights.

As the Crown consultation coordinator for the Project and on behalf of the RMs as well as other supporting ministers, the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO), by way of this letter, invites you to confirm that potential adverse impacts resulting from the Project on Yellowknives Dene First Nation asserted or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights have been identified and addressed in the Report of EA.

It is important to note that, to date, no ministerial decision has been made regarding the Report of EA and this letter should not be taken to indicate that the RMs favour a particular direction.

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Should you have comments, please provide them in writing to David Alexander, NPMO Project Manager, at david.alexander@cannor.gc.ca, by August 20, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact him at (867) 766-8436.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Matthew Spence
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cc: Bill Enge, President, North Slave Métis Alliance
Grand Chief Eddie Erasmus, Tlicho Government
Jack Bird, Assistant Deputy Minister - Operations, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories
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Caroline Caza, A/Director General, Environmental Protection Operations, Environment Canada
Amanda Jane Preece, Director General, Safe Environments Directorate, Health Canada
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**Re: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental
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Dear Grand Chief,

In its June 20, 2013 Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision (Report of EA), the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board recommended to the federal Minister and responsible ministers (RMs) that the Giant Mine Remediation Project (the Project) be approved, subject to the implementation of mitigative measures to address significant adverse impacts on the environment that are likely to result from the Project. The Report of EA is available online in the Review Board's public registry at:

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**Re: Invitation to provide comments on the Report of Environmental
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Dear Mr. Enge,

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As the Crown consultation coordinator for the Project and on behalf of the RMs as well as other supporting ministers, the Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO), by way of this letter, invites you to confirm that potential adverse impacts resulting from the Project on North Slave Métis Alliance asserted Aboriginal rights have been identified and addressed in the Report of EA.

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