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**RE: Developer's Analysis of Report of Environmental Assessment - Giant Mine
Remediation Project (EA0809-001)**

Dear Chiefs,

This letter is to confirm the email that was sent to you on November 1, 2013, which included an attached report, filed by the Developer, with its analysis of the measures recommended by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for the Giant Mine Remediation Project (the "Project").

The responsible ministers (the "Ministers") wish to provide the Yellowknives Dene First Nation ("YKDFN") the opportunity to comment on the Developer's analysis in order to give full consideration to YKDFN views.

The Ministers are seeking to understand the potential impacts of the Project on the YKDFN's asserted and/or established Aboriginal or treaty rights. This includes any potential impacts that the YKDFN believes may be affected by the matters discussed in the Developer's analysis of the recommended measures. It would be of great assistance if the YKDFN could identify: the specific right(s) that may be affected, specific project-related impact(s) on those right(s), and a recommendation on how those impacts could be mitigated, as well as any additional evidence that will help the Ministers better understand the YKDFN's concerns.

Should the YKDFN wish to provide comments, please do so by November 29, 2013, to David Alexander, NPMO Project Manager, at david.alexander@cannor.gc.ca.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Spence', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Spence
Director General
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cc:

Jack Bird, Assistant Deputy Minister - Operations, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories

Mimi Fortier, Director General, Northern Petroleum and Mineral Resources Branch, Aboriginal Affairs & Northern Development Canada

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