NOTE TO FILE

July 19, 2011

Re: Subsidence of the B1 pit wall

This morning Environmental Assessment Officer Darha Phillpot and I met with the developer at its request. Adrian Paradis and Ben Nordstrom of the Giant Remediation Team described new unexpected subsidence on the slope of the B1 pit near Baker Creek. The B1 pit is located above arsenic storage stopes B208, B212, B213 and B214.

If subsidence continues, new activities may be required on site this year to ensure arsenic containment. Depending on the activities and situation, these activities may be carried out under current authorizations for ongoing site maintenance, or under section 119(b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

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