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Mr. Richard Edjericon
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
200 Scotia Centre
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VIA E-MAIL

**Re: Participant Funding for the Environmental Assessment of the
Giant Mine Remediation Plan**

Dear Mr. Edjericon:

An independent funding review committee (the Committee) has completed its review of applications for participant funding for the Giant Mine Remediation Plan. The Committee met the week of January 10, 2011 and submitted its recommendations to me in a letter dated January 14, 2011. The Committee's recommendations are enclosed.

I am satisfied that the Committee's recommended allocations will provide the best value to the Board's review of the Giant Mine Remediation Plan. I accept the recommendations of the Committee and am pleased to award the following amounts to the successful applicants:

1. Alternatives North	\$86,380
2. North Slave Métis Alliance	\$42,990
3. Yellowknives Dene First Nation	\$120,630

This funding is contingent on each party being able to enter into and meet the requirements of a contribution funding agreement with the Department. The central point of contact for these agreements will be Knute Hansen in the Northwest Territories Regional Office. He can be reached at (867) 669-2407 or Knute.Hansen@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

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In closing, I would like to thank the Board and the Committee members for their efforts in ensuring all parties have a meaningful opportunity to bring important information to the environmental assessment of the Giant Mine Remediation Plan. I expect this information to benefit the Board's report and the subsequent decision-making of the Ministers with respect to the development.

Sincerely,



for Danielle Labonté
A/Assistant Deputy Minister
Northern Affairs Organization

Encl.

c.c.: Yellowknives Dene First Nation
North Slave Métis Association
Alternatives North

Giant Mine Remediation EA
Funding Review Committee

January 14, 2011

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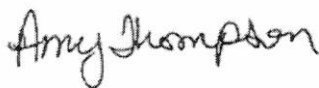
Dear Deputy Minister:

The Giant Mine Remediation EA Funding Review Committee met on January 13, 2011, to review and make recommendations for approval to the ADM/NAO of INAC. Following is a record of our decision:

Alternatives North	Requested \$115,426.00	Approved \$86,380.00
North Slave Métis Alliance	Requested \$45,210.00	Approved \$42,990.00
Yellowknives Dene F/N	Requested \$160,570.00	Approved \$120,630.00

We appreciate the opportunity to work with INAC and look forward to future assignments.

Yours truly,



Amy Thompson
Committee Member



Grant Pryznik
Committee Member



Walter Bayha
Committee Member

cc: Anne Snider
Chief, Environmental Policies and Studies