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Distribution List:

Roaster Complex Deconstruction and Underground Stabilization

Recent events and inspections carried out by independent experts have identified deteriorating conditions at the Giant Mine Site that have resulted in significant risks to human health and safety and environmental risks. To address these risks, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) will be submitting a Type B water licence application to the MVLWB for deconstruction of the roaster complex and underground stabilization work under the provisions of Section 119 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. This letter is to invite your input on the proposed work which is described in the attached preliminary draft application documents. Please note that the same document but with figures included can be accessed at an FTP site using the attached instructions as they are too large to email.

Opportunities for Input

The attached draft documents are preliminary in nature, and in order to finalize them, AANDC is seeking your input both through written reviews of the documents, one-on-one meetings, and through collaborative workshops and forums as described in the

Table 1 – Opportunities for Input

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	DATE
First round of reviews of draft application documents	AANDC is seeking written comments on the draft application documents from all members of the attached distribution list	Written comments are requested by October 31 to assist with workshop preparation (see below). However, written comments received at any time

		will be reviewed and a response provided.
One-on-one Meetings	Parties are welcome to request meetings with the Giant Team. Please contact Lisa Colas, Community Consultation Officer at (867) 669-2426 or by emailing Lisa.Colas@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca to arrange a meeting.	Dates dependent on specific requests from the Parties.
Technical Workshop	Using the comments received during the first round of reviews as a starting point, a workshop will be held during the business day so that the Parties on the distribution list have an opportunity to share and discuss their comments, concerns and questions about the application with the Giant Mine Team and each other. An agenda will be provided in the coming days.	November 6 during the business day
Public Forum to be held in Yellowknife	The forum will be the public an opportunity to learn about the work and provide feedback. We are also looking for input on what we will be monitoring and how we will be reporting on-site activities to the public.	Evening of November 6 (7-9 pm) at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
Second round of reviews of the draft application documents	Using the feedback provided in writing and during the workshop and public forum, the draft application documents will be revised as appropriate and circulated for a second round of review.	Associated dates are to be determined.

Environmental Management Plans

As committed to as part of the EMS process, AANDC is preparing draft environmental management plans (EMPs) for the roaster deconstruction and underground stabilization work. These will be circulated to the Distribution List for review on November 5.

Air Quality Monitoring

At this time, draft air quality monitoring requirements for the selected roaster deconstruction contractor have been prepared and are included in the attached draft application package. Air quality monitoring requirements for the underground stabilization contractor are currently being prepared and will be circulated to the Parties once finalized.

AANDC looks forward to hearing from you and listening to your comments. Please contact Lisa Colas, Community Consultation Officer at (867) 669-2426 or by emailing Lisa.Colas@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca to inform us of your engagement expectations, request a meeting or to share your thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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Copied to: Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Attachments:

- Instructions to access the FTP site
- Draft water licence application form
- Draft detailed project descriptions with figures for the roaster and underground stabilization work
- Draft waste management plans with figures for the roaster and underground stabilization work
- Spill and Emergency Response Plan
- Air quality monitoring requirements for the roaster deconstruction contractor