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Our File: EA0809-003

Via email

Mr. Hugh Wilson
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

Re: <u>EA0809-003</u>: Yellowknife Gold Project – Timing for Information Request Responses

Thank you for your letter dated August 16, 2012 providing the Review Board and Parties to EA0809-003 with an update on the projected timelines Tyhee NWT Corp. requires for responding to information requests from June 2012.

In the letter, Tyhee NWT Corp. indicates that it does not expect to formally respond to all information requests prior to the scheduling and hosting of the technical sessions. The workplan for the Yellowknife Gold Project Environmental Assessment clearly states that information request responses need to be completed within 60 days of technical sessions. As such, Tyhee NWT Corp. is expected to respond in a suitable and timely manner to directions and requests issued by the Review Board. Such requests include but are not limited to information requests.

Technical sessions are held by the Review Board to encourage the developer and parties to communicate face to face and to resolve technical issues and answer questions. Without providing time for the full review of information request responses, it is unfair to parties to expect the successful prioritization of remaining issues and resolution of concerns during technical sessions.

The purpose of information requests is to give parties the information needed to help reach conclusions about potentially significant impacts. If Tyhee NWT Corp. is of the opinion that certain information requests are beyond the scope of the environmental assessment, Tyhee must provide the Review Board with rationale for why it cannot respond.

In an effort to improve process efficiencies, the Review Board encourages the developer and parties to discuss issues at any time during the environmental assessment through informal meetings. A summary of discussions between parties and the developer at these meetings should be kept and submitted to the Board to become part of the public registry. A template on how to complete a meeting report can be found on the Review Board website by navigating to the forms and templates section.



The Review Board looks forward to your updated project description submission and responses to information requests and will schedule technical sessions upon the satisfactory receipt of Tyhee NWT Corp.'s responses.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact me using the information provided below.

Sincerely,

original signed by

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