


**Subject: BHP project description****Date: Fri, 3 Sep 1999 12:20:57 -0600****From: Julie Prystupa@gov.nt.ca****To: lazzo@internorth.com**

Louie,

Attached please find a letter outlining our additional information requirements for the project description. I will bring a signed copy to you on Tuesday, but felt that you would like to have this for your meeting today with BHP.

We are still refining our guidelines scoping document and I will send that to you as soon as it is complete. Are you planning to use the Diavik guidelines as a basis for the BHP guidelines?

Regards,  
Julie Prystupa

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September 3, 1999

Mr Louie Azzolini,  
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Dear Mr. Azzolini:

**BHP Project Description**

Staff with the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) have the following additional information requirements with respect to the BHP expansion project description. These are in addition to those that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) has identified.

In general there is a need for a discussion of how the expansion affects and interacts with the current development. For example, if the proposed project will not alter the size, skill inventory and Northern/aboriginal make-up of BHP's workforce and procurement policy (as they stated at the meeting on August 25, 1999) then BHP should make a simple statement to this effect in their project description. Similarly, if traffic volumes, timing of loads and road capacity to deal with increased volume on Highway #3, Highway #4 and the Lupin Winter Road will not change as a result of the new pipes this should be stated. Similar statements are expected for other components of the expansion project where this is the case.

In addition to this general request, the GNWT requests the following specific additional information requirements with respect to the project description:

- a description of the Panda/Koala settlement pond (location and capacity),
- a discussion on how the expansion of the mine will impact the management of the tailings containment area,
- requirements for upgrading the all weather trail to Pigeon to accommodate the transportation of mining equipment,

- amount (volume and type) of traffic on Sable road,
- a description of how the run-off from waste rock piles will be managed at each pit.
- the area covered by waste rock dumps at each pit,
- anticipated increase in ore and waste rock storage areas required by the expansion,
- fuel management, spill contingency planning and spill response capabilities at the Sable and Pigeon Pit,
- waste management and hazardous waste management at the Sable and Pigeon pits (where and how these wastes will be stored),
- the frequency of waste removal from the Sable and Pigeon Pits and the transportation requirements,
- fuel supply requirements at the Sable and Pigeon Pit and transportation requirements,
- increase in amount of land to be disturbed by all components of the proposed expansion (pits, roads, infrastructure),
- anticipated increases in aircraft traffic,
- dust control measures for haul roads and pits.

If clarification of any of these requirements is needed, please contact myself at 920-8069.

Sincerely,

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