



Alternatives North

August 22, 2012

Richard Edjericon
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Box 938
Yellowknife NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Ehrlich

Re: EA0809-001 [2008] Public Hearing Presentations and CVs

Alternatives North (AN) would like to file the attached presentations to be made by us and the experts we will have participate in the upcoming public hearing. The presentations are attached as PowerPoint and pdf files to allow Board staff to make handouts in convenient formats. The *curriculum vitae* of the AN representative and experts that we expect will participate at the hearing are also attached.

We wish to draw to your attention that Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has still not prepared a contribution agreement for our 2012-13 participant funding for the Giant Mine Environmental Assessment despite repeated requests by e-mail and phone. This has hindered our ability to prepare for the public hearing and it is unclear whether we will be in a position to have our engineering experts in attendance to ask questions at the public hearing. Any assistance that the Review Board may be able to offer in this regard would be very appreciated at this point.

We are still waiting for AANDC to produce the trade-off study that is to provide an update on the Freeze Optimization Study. This study was first promised with a July 2012 delivery date at the June 27-28, 2012 pre-hearing technical meeting. At the Pre-Hearing Conference, Review Board staff requested that this document be filed by August 10, 2012. In a follow-up e-mail exchange with AN on August 15, 2012, AANDC staff was unable to provide a submission date. We are of the view that this is a critical report that we should have had in time for preparation of our submissions and for our technical experts to review. Again, any assistance from the Review Board in securing this document would be very appreciated.

AANDC and GNWT filed a very large number of new documents on August 10, 2012, well after the submission date for parties' Technical Reports (July 11, 2012). Much of this is new information that the parties did not have access to in preparing our Technical Reports. We are of the view that there should be some leeway for us to comment on some of this in our presentations. You will note that there has been some coverage of this new information in our presentations in an effort to provide the Review Board with a better informed and up-to-date

position on our key issues. We also anticipate asking questions of AANDC and GNWT at the public hearing on some of this new information.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on any of the matters raised in this letter or in our submissions, please feel free to contact me. Please note that I will be away from Yellowknife August 29 to September 5.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. O'Reilly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "O'Reilly" clearly distinguishable.

Kevin O'Reilly
Alternatives North