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To: Chief Sangris and Chief Tsetta,

Re: Giant Mine Next Steps

Thank you for your letter of February 25, 2010 regarding next steps for the Yellowknives Dene First Nations (YKDFN) and the Giant Mine Remediation Project Team (GMRPT). In order to advance these discussions, the GMRPT would like to meet with the YKDFN to discuss next steps. It is our understanding that these meetings will eventually lead to annual meetings with the YKDFN Chief and Council.

At your convenience, the GMRT would like to arrange a meeting to discuss:

- 1) a contribution agreement for 2010;
- 2) Community Meetings in Dettah and Ndilo to discuss the frozen block method;
- 3) how to incorporate *Impact of the Yellowknife Giant Gold Mine on the Yellowknives Dene, A Traditional Knowledge Report* prepared by the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Land and Environment Committee and Traditional Knowledge into the implementation of the Remediation Plan;
- 4) site tours for Chief and Council in the summer of 2010;
- 5) management of dust at Giant Mine; and
- 6) recognition of Mrs. Crookedhand and the YKDFN involvement at Giant.

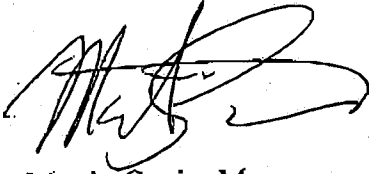
Additionally, in your letter of February 25, 2010, you asked that the GMRPT release sections regarding the proposed monitoring framework of the draft Developers Assessment Report (DAR) for your review. This would allow the YKDFN and INAC to discuss the proposed monitoring framework and ideally have agreement on an approach prior to submitting the DAR to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). The GMRPT agrees and would like to meet and discuss with YKDFN prior to submitting the DAR to the Review Board.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Adrian Paradis, Head of Technical and Environmental Services at adrian.paradis@inac-ainc.gc.ca or (867) 669-2425 or Lisa Colas, Community Consultation Officer, at lisa.colas@inac-ainc.gc.ca or (867) 669-6426.

Sincerely,



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