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Mr. Vern Christensen, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Christensen:

**Re: EA0809-003; Yellowknife Gold Project – Timing for Information Request Responses**

Tyhee NWT Corp acknowledges receipt of your letter dated December 18, 2012 by e-mail from Mr. Paul Mercredi on December 21, 2012. Your letter outlined the current timelines for the YGP EA review and requested that Tyhee NWT Corp submit a clear estimate for the anticipated submission of an updated Project Description as well as responses to the Information Requests (IR's) received through the MVEIRB from interested parties and that this information be provided to the MVEIRB on January 18, 2013.

While we recognize the Review Board's concerns associated with the delays as outlined in your letter, it remains Tyhee NWT Corp's objective to have the EA for the YGP completed in as timely a manner as possible.

You may recall that during the site visit by the Board in September 2011 it was agreed that the positive impacts on the Project, from additional geochemistry as well as other design work in the recently completed Feasibility Study (August, 2012) would be very useful to include in the review process. Including this information and coordinating the improvements into the responses created unfortunate delays in the review process. Tyhee NWT Corp however believes that result is a more robust project with a longer mine life as well as reduction of some perceived impacts.

It is Tyhee NWT Corp's objective to prepare and submit the requested information within the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2013 and regret that we cannot provide a more specific date to do so. This timeline is predicated on the current obligations of our various consultants and the time necessary to update the Project Description and prepare the responses to the Information Requests. This expended effort will ensure that our submission will meet the Review Board's need to move the YGP Environmental Assessment to the technical sessions phase.

Tyhee NWT Corp recognizes the Review Board's desire to move the YGP EA process along and to do so will need to develop a revised work plan and we respectfully request the Review Board to develop their revised work plan with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter submission timeline in mind. Tyhee NWT Corp supports the need for a revised work plan which not only reflects the Review Board's schedule but also will provide Tyhee NWT Corp with the revised timeline expected to complete the YGP EA process. With this in mind Tyhee NWT Corp would support the Board's revised work plan based on a submission date of the updated Project Description and response to the Information requests starting on June 30, 2013. Tyhee NWT Corp would of course endeavor to submit the information sooner subject to the availability of our various consultants.

Tyhee NWT Corp solicits the Review Board's support in the timelines for our submission as mentioned above and look forward to receiving your approval and revised work plan so we both can work together to move the YGP EA forward in a timely manner.

Yours truly;

*Original signed by "H.R.Wilson"*

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