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Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Re: Undertakings at Scoping Session for Giant Mine Remediation Project Assessment

I am responding to the two undertakings directed at Environment Canada during the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's July 23rd Scoping Hearing.

Number 8: *"Advise the board by August 15th as to whether or not Environment Canada's expertise would be available to assist the Board as it proceeds through the environmental assessment process"*.

Given that Environment Canada reviewed and provided its expertise and advice on the remediation plan under the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan, our approach was to assume "observer status" under the current environmental assessment process unless new information falling within the scope of our mandate became available - please see Ms. Lowman's July 15th letter to the Board. If the Board has specific questions or if new information becomes available on an issue falling within Environment Canada's mandate, the department will assist, i.e. respond, review and/or comment.

Number 9: Clarify whether Environment Canada has *"a role in follow-up and monitoring"*. In answer to the question, the department normally reviews and provides advice on follow-up and monitoring programs for projects such as the Giant Mine Remediation and again, specifically on issues falling under our mandate. This may occur not only at the design stage (i.e. reviewing and commenting on drafts), but also subsequent annual or periodic monitoring reports submitted by the project manager/proponent.

I hope that provides the board with the clarification and answers sought in the scoping hearing.

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