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Ms. Tawanis Testart  
Environmental Assessment Officer  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Dear Ms. Testart:

**Re: EA0809-001 Giant Mine Remediation Environmental Assessment – Request  
for Extension – Undertaking No. 4**

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During the Scoping Hearing for the Giant Mine Remediation Environmental Assessment on July 22, 2008, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) undertook to answer the question: Where the availability of independent expertise might come from in a situation where all of those divisions of INAC and the GNWT are actually developers.

We regret to inform you that we will not be able to meet the August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the response to this undertaking. We respectfully request that the deadline for submission of our response to the Review Board be extended to August 22, 2008.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

W.S. Mitchell  
Manager, Giant Mine Remediation Project