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Mr. Richard Edjericon
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Edjericon:

Re: EA0809-001 Giant Mine Remediation Environmental Assessment – Scoping Phase – Additional Information Request Regarding the Freeze Optimization Study – Postings to the MVEIRB Public Registry

It has been brought to my attention that, following the submission to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) of several undertakings by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) which were requested during the scoping hearing, there has been additional correspondence between MVEIRB and INAC related to undertaking #1, namely the undertaking dealing with the Freeze Optimization Study. At the time of writing, and although considerable time has elapsed since this exchange of correspondence, none of these additional documents have been added to the MVEIRB Public Registry. The following is a list of the correspondence I am referring to:

- Additional information request regarding Freeze Optimization Study (deadline October 8, 2008) - electronic message from MVEIRB staff to INAC staff, dated October 6, 2008;
- Request for extension to afford sufficient time to provide the additional information, including legal arguments - electronic message from INAC staff to MVEIRB staff, dated October 7, 2008;
- Approval of INAC's request for an extension – electronic message from MVEIRB staff and INAC staff, dated October 8, 2008;
- INAC's confirmation of October 17, 2008 as filing date for additional information request – electronic message from INAC staff to MVEIRB staff, dated October 9, 2008;
- Letter from INAC to the MVEIRB, dated October 17, 2008, responding to MVEIRB's request for additional information on the Freeze Optimization Study.

INAC is concerned that there have been no new filings to the MVEIRB Public Registry for this project since October 1st, 2008. INAC requests that the foregoing information, including this letter, be filed on MVEIRB's Public Registry as soon as possible to ensure that all parties and the public are properly notified as new information becomes available.

INAC would also like to request that all future correspondence be posted on a timely basis in accordance with MVEIRB's usual procedure. If delays in posting are anticipated now or in the future, INAC further requests that the parties to this process be so advised of such delay and the reasons therefore.

INAC would appreciate confirmation as to the status of this matter, particularly as to when such information will be posted.

Sincerely,



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