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Mr. Richard Edjericon
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
PO Box 938, 200 Scotia Centre
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Dear Mr. Edjericon:

**Re: Environmental Assessment of the Giant Mine Remediation Plan (EA0809-001)
– Request for Proposals – Technical Experts**

Further to your staff's letter of January 23, 2009, thank you for clarifying and explaining the involvement of the experts. INAC agrees that the availability of the transcripts and other materials submitted thus far should assist the experts in their role at this stage of the EA. However, since the experts were not in attendance at the scoping hearing, where they may have taken the opportunity to raise issues or questions for further discussion with INAC and the parties, should the experts have any questions arising from the transcripts and materials, INAC would certainly be amenable to providing further comment and information as necessary to ensure that all relevant information has been considered for the draft Terms of Reference.

We therefore support and encourage the experts and the Board to raise any unresolved issues or questions for party comment as appropriate.

We look forward to receiving the draft Terms of Reference and the updated work plan.

Sincerely

Martin Gavin P.Eng
Manager, Giant Mine Remediation Project