



Giant Mine Environmental Assessment

IR Response

Round One: Information Request - Alternatives North #01

June 17, 2011

INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE TEMPLATE

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Request

Preamble:

It is important to understand exactly who the Developer is, how conflicting mandates may be dealt with and the roles and responsibilities of other bodies such as the Oversight Committee and the Independent Peer Review Panel.

Question:

Please provide the following:

1. A list and rationale for federal and territorial Ministers that will serve as —"Responsible Ministers" under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* for the purposes of this Environmental Assessment.
2. On pg. 1-8 of the DAR, INAC describes a number of potentially conflicting roles and responsibilities including environmental assessment decision-maker, regulator, inspector, Aboriginal interests, economic development and capacity building. How will these potentially conflicting responsibilities be dealt with in the context of the Remediation Project?
3. Meeting summaries for the Oversight Committee established under the Giant Mine Cooperation.
4. What role if any, did other federal or territorial government departments (e.g. Natural Resources Canada, Environment Canada, or others) play in the preparation of the Developer's Assessment Report? Please provide any reviews or correspondence that demonstrates such input and how it was dealt with.





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5. The Independent Peer Review Panel was active in 2003 and 2004. Did it have any role in the preparation of the Developer's Assessment Report? If so, please provide any reviews of correspondence that demonstrates such input and how it was dealt with.
6. The Developer intends to retain the Independent Peer Review Panel. Have the members agreed to continue to serve and what will be the terms of reference for this body in relation to the Development?
7. Has INAC and GNWT given any consideration to transforming the Independent Peer Review Panel into an independent oversight body that reports to a representative multi-stakeholder group?

Reference to DAR (relevant DAR Sections)

DAR, s. 1.1.4 Project Proponents

Reference to the EA Terms of Reference

S.3.2.2 Developer

Response 1

Responsible Ministers under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) who have decisions to make with respect to the proposed Giant Mine Remediation Project include:

- Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development;
- Minister of Environment;
- Minister of Fisheries and Oceans; and,
- Government of the Northwest Territories Environment and Natural Resources.

For further information on the roles and responsibilities of the above Ministers and the rationale for why these Ministers are expected to be RMs please refer to North Slave Métis Alliance Information Request #2 and Yellowknives Dene First Nation Information Request #26.

Response 2

For a complete response to this question, the reader is respectfully referred to the response to North Slave Métis Alliance Information Request #02.

Response 3

Please see the attached meeting summaries from Giant Mine Oversight Committee from August 2005 to April 2011.





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Response 4

For a complete response to this question the reader is respectfully referred to the response to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation Information Request #26.

Response 5

The Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) is a continuation of the Remediation Plan; the conclusions of the Independent Peer Review Panel are presented in section 1.5.3 of the DAR. The DAR is based in part on the Closure Plan which was reviewed by the Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) and subsequently submitted to the Review Board.

Response 6

The Independent Peer Review Panel established in 2002 will be continued and consulted as needed throughout the Giant Mine Remediation Project.

Response 7

For a complete response to this question the reader is respectfully referred to the response to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation Information Request #25.