



Alternatives North

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Mr. Richard Edjericon
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
5102-50th Avenue
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Yellowknife NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Edjericon

**Re: Request for amendment to the Review Board's Revised Work Plan for the
environmental assessment of the Giant Mine Remediation Plan (EA0809-001)**

Alternatives North supports the request by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to postpone the deadline for submission of Information Requests to February 14, 2011.

This support is subject to the Department making a timely decision on the participant funding applications that were submitted on December 10, 2010. Alternatives North was amongst those that submitted a detailed application in good faith, which contained proposals for work to review the Developer's Assessment Report (including an expert review by qualified engineers) and preparation of corresponding Information Requests. We expect that the Department will make its decisions on participant funding well in advance of February 14, 2011 to allow parties to make use of the available funds in a meaningful manner.

Should the Department not make timely decisions regarding participant funding, please be advised that a further extension to the deadline may be necessary.

Sincerely,

Kevin O'Reilly
On behalf of Alternatives North