



Giant Mine Environmental Assessment IR Response Template

Round One: Information Request - City of Yellowknife #12

May 31, 2011

INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE TEMPLATE

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Linkage to Other IRs

City of Yellowknife IR #10
Alternatives North IR #5.2

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Request

Preamble:

As noted in the Giant Mine Plan (2006) and in the minutes of the Yellowknife Heritage Committee, the City maintains an interest in preserving a number of the heritage buildings in the Giant Mine Townsite. The City has conducted several inspections of these buildings and it is evident that a number of the buildings have environmental issues (i.e. asbestos, black mould, lead paint) and that others are significantly dilapidated. Based on some 20 structures within the Townsite the City has considered to preserve and restore 4-5. Significant investment is required to address the structural and environmental issues to bring these buildings up to code so that they may be fit for occupancy.

Question:

1. Please elaborate on whether funding is available to deal with the structural and environmental issues of targeted buildings within the Townsite.
2. Please elaborate on what environmental and structural analysis has been provided on these buildings or will be provided as part of the remediation process.

Reference to DAR (relevant DAR Sections):

s. 6.11.4 Buildings to Remain on Site





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Reference to the EA Terms of Reference

s. 2.1 Scope of Development

Summary

Should the City of Yellowknife or the NWT Mining Heritage Society not assume the liability, the buildings will be demolished as outlined in the Remediation Plan in section 5.11 and Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) section 6.11. .

Response

The Giant Mine Remediation Project (Remediation Project) includes the removal of buildings and infrastructure as part of the Remediation Project. To date only visual inspections of the buildings in the town site have taken place. Prior to the demolition of buildings, an environmental assessment will be undertaken and the contaminated materials will be dealt within as described in section 6.11.3 of the DAR. Structural assessments of the buildings, and bringing buildings identified by the City up to code for potential occupancy, are not activities contemplated by the Remediation Project.

