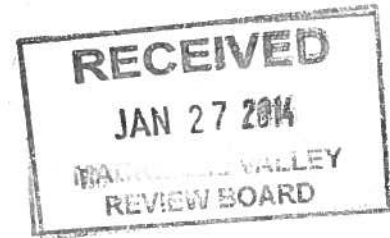




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Mr. Alan Ehrlich
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Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

Please consider this the written submission from the Giant Mine Remediation Project Team related to the Environmental Assessment EA0809-00, within the ministerial consultation process that was initiated on December 23, 2013. We continue to appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and to express our views on the modifications that were proposed by the Responsible Ministers'.

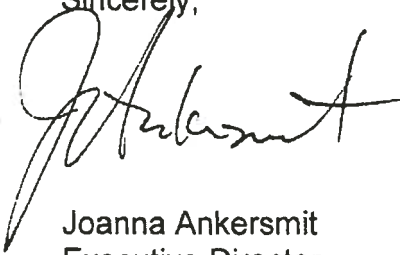
The Giant Mine Remediation Project Team would like to first state that it welcomes and supports the proposed modifications. The Project Team recognizes and appreciates the consideration that was given by the Responsible Ministers' to our analysis submitted on November 1, 2013, as well as the perspectives that were brought forward by others. We are of the opinion that the modifications proposed by the Responsible Ministers' provide the clarification necessary, including those related to linkages and timing – notably, but not limited to Measures 5 and 10. These are critical changes because they allow the project to continue to move forward and address health, safety and environmental issues while working collaboratively with the parties to advance risk assessments.

We also welcomed the opportunity to share our views and work towards a common understanding of the proposed modifications with the Review Board staff and the other parties to the environmental assessment at the working group meeting that was held on January 20, 2014. This was an important step that allowed for the development of a collective understanding of the proposed modifications and the manner in which they will be implemented.

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The Project Team considers the proposed modifications beneficial to the project and in the public's interest. We remain committed to working diligently in an open and transparent manner in order to implement all necessary requirements stemming from a final decision. We also hope to continue our constructive working relationships with the parties to the environmental assessment, and with regulators, as this project continues working through these important milestones.

Sincerely,



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