

December 27th, 2013

To: Parties of the Giant Mine Remediation Project Environmental Assessment (EA0809-001)

Re: Giant Mine Remediation Project EA Consult to Modify Process

On December 23rd, 2013, the federal Minister initiated a consult-to-modify process, to modify certain measures from the Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment. This letter describes the process that the Review Board will follow in order to respond the Minister's directions. The Minister's letter is posted on the Registry.

The consult to modify process, pursuant to sub-paragraph 130(1)(b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, is not a rejection of the Board's decision or measures. Nor is it a reconsideration of the Board's decision. The purpose of a consult-to-modify process is to improve measures to increase their effectiveness, while preserving the Review Board's intent, as described in the Report of Environmental Assessment.

The Review Board understands that the Northern Projects Management Office of the federal government is undertaking a concurrent section 35 consultation process for parties to the Giant proceeding with Aboriginal rights. The Board would like to invite all registered parties to the EA to submit their views regarding the Ministers' suggested modifications. Parties may submit their views in writing until 9:00 am on Monday, January 27th, 2014.

To facilitate the parties' informed consideration when preparing their submissions, the Review Board will hold a one-day working meeting on the suggested modifications on Monday January 20th, 2014, one week prior to the submission deadline. This will be staff-facilitated and held at the Review Board boardroom. This meeting will be open to registered parties only. Parties intending to attend should notify Review Board staff in advance. Further details about this session will be provided early in the New Year.



Any members of the general public who wish to submit a comment to the Review Board on the modifications proposed by the Minister may do so in writing by 9 am Monday, January 27th, 2014.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

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