



# Giant Mine Environmental Assessment

## IR Response

Round One: Information Request - NSMA #06

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### INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE

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**Request:**

The section on site history does not mention the historic involvement of the Métis in prospecting and discovering gold at Yellowknife and up the Yellowknife River. The only traditional knowledge report mentioned was prepared by the Yellowknives Dene (YKDFN). Does INAC believe that the heritage and traditions of the Yellowknives and the Métis are indistinguishable from each other or that the YKDFN heritage and traditional knowledge are more relevant and important than the Métis? Please explain why Charles Camsell and his crucial role in the development of the mining industry in the Yellowknife area, and indeed the entire Northwest Territories, is not even mentioned. Also, please describe the efforts made to access Métis traditional knowledge and land use information.

**Reference to DAR (relevant DAR Sections):**

Section 4 Site History

**Reference to the EA Terms of Reference:**

3.2.3 Description of the Existing Environment

**Response:**

The chapter is not, and was not intended to be, an exhaustive and inclusive portrait of mining in the area and in the territory. It establishes the historic circumstances that contributed to the existing site conditions at Giant Mine in an effort to explain the environmental legacy and purpose of the Giant Mine Remediation Plan.

