

# **NORTH SLAVE MÉTIS ALLIANCE**

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## **Via email**

Dear Mr. Ehrlich,

### **RE: NSMA comments on Ministerial approval amendments for Giant Mine Remediation Project (EA0809-001).**

Overall, North Slave Métis Alliance (“NSMA”) is encouraged by the decision of the responsible ministers (“RMs”) to support the measures proposed for the Giant Mine Remediation Project (“the Project”). NSMA has some comments with regard to the amendment of Measure #7 of the Project.

With regard to Measure #7, NSMA suggests that “as early as possible” be amended to offer an absolute timeline for the ratification of an Environmental Agreement with provisions for the formation of an Oversight Body. The timeline for ratification should be established through a joint planning process involving RMs and concerned parties. Furthermore, NSMA has not been involved in the “existing Oversight Working Group”. NSMA requests that an amendment occur to assure that the NSMA, and other appropriate representative organizations, are included in the interim as members of the existing Oversight Working Group. Last, if the Oversight Working Group acts in the interim as the Oversight Body, NSMA suggest that an absolute timeline is created in order to make certain that the Working Group is indeed an interim measure and not a permanent resolution.

In addition, NSMA recommends that RMs be present at negotiations in order to clarify wording and intent during the formation of the Environmental Agreement and to aid in ensuring that roles and responsibilities are accurately defined for the life of the Project.

The original measures were supported by NSMA and are an important step forward to ensuring environmental impacts and human health risks do not occur on our asserted territory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Binion', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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