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Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

Re: Clarification of Scope – GIANT Mine Remediation

During the IR phase of this Environmental Assessment several of the parties sought information from the applicants that related to three areas – the marina, the nearshore, and the diffuser/effluent discharge. The Yellowknives Dene First Nation believe that these are all within the scoping of this project and are asking the Board to confirm this.

In the scoping reasons for decision¹ the Board writes:

- 1) Under 'General Scope of Development' – "All components of the development included in the GMRP will be included" such as "storage of treated water and eventual discharge to Great Slave Lake".
 - a. Thus YKDFN believes that the sediments impacted by the new diffuser and the piping are within the scope.
- 2) Under 'Geographic Scope' – "This area includes ... a section of shoreline where historically, tailings have been released to the north end of Yellowknife Bay and the Cruising Club launch site".
 - a. This clearly includes the shoreline and the marina.

The Project's responses on these information requests were to suggest all discussion of sediment remediation was outside the scope of assessment. We agree with the proponent that the Scoping Decision rules out widespread clean up of the contaminated areas in Back Bay and Yellowknife Bay, but these small areas are included.

YKDFN hope that the Board can confirm this so that the Proponent can provide meaningful responses to the Information requests previously submitted.

Sincerely,

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¹ http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/1229728029_16321.pdf

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