



Yellowknives Dene First Nation

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April 20th, 2010

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Dear Mr. Gavin:

Re: Giant Mine Letter - March 29th, 2010

Thank you for your letter of March 29th, 2010, regarding the GIANT Mine Remediation EA (0809-001). We would like to attempt to simplify the many issues on the table and break them into smaller issues more easily achieved.

- 1) YKDFN staff remain open, as they have since the initial request at the beginning of March to meeting with INAC staff regarding the long term monitoring and oversight issues raised by the Parties at the EA scoping session and through subsequent endeavours. When INAC staff schedules allow, our staff will be available to begin the conversation.
- 2) Specific to your letter of March 29th, YKDFN is currently advertising for interested parties to join the Giant Mine Advisory committee that has been under discussion. We expect that this to be complete by the end of May at which point we can discuss the contribution agreement for 2010.
- 3) After discussing the issue, it has been decided that community meetings in Dettah and Ndilo should proceed outside of the committee process and could be held as early as May. However, if this is not possible, we strongly suggest holding off meetings until the fall as much of the membership is active on the land and water during the summer. Workshops held in this period are not likely to have very good attendance.
- 4) It is our suggestion that the other issues outlined in the letter and subsequent emails should be delayed until the Committee is in place and should be approached through that group. This would not only provide additional guidance, but ease the demands on YKDFN staff and leadership during a very busy period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact YKDFN Lands and Environment at 766-3496.

Sincerely,

Chief Edward Sangris

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