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VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms Jourdrie

Re: Your Request Regarding Tyhee NWT Corporation – Yellowknife Gold Project (EA0809-003)

I am writing in response to your letter of August 8, 2011 in which you requested clarification on the conformity status of Tyhee's developers' assessment report, as well as on the information request process.

During its July board meeting the Review Board decided that in the interest of a timely and expeditious assessment it would alter the process for this particular project. The board decided not to make a statement on conformity and instead move directly into the next phase, the information request stage. In essence, the Review Board altered the work plan, which is within its discretion. Please accept my apologies if the correspondence from our office did not convey the Review Board's decision adequately.

The current round of information requests is meant for Review Board requests only. The parties will be invited to submit their own requests at a later date. An updated work plan will be issued shortly.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 766-7053 or <u>mhaefele@reviewboard.ca</u>.

Sincerely

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