



Our File: EA0809-001

April 7, 2008

Bill Mitchell, Manager
Contaminants & Remediation Directorate, INAC
Box 1500
Yellowknife, NT
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Re: Notice of Referral to Environmental Assessment – CARD-INAC, Giant Mine Remediation

On March 31, 2008 the City of Yellowknife referred the Contaminants and Remediation Directorate (CARD) of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs' (INAC) application for a Water License (MV2007L8-0031) for the Giant Mine Remediation Project to environmental assessment (EA), according to section 126(2)(c) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Until the assessment is concluded no permit or other authorization required for development under territorial or federal law can be issued. The Review Board will create a public registry for this file, where all pertinent information will be held. The public registry will be available online at www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry. Details of the assessment process are described in the Review Board's *Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment*, available online at www.mveirb.nt.ca. Information on past EAs is available on the same site.

The Review Board plans to hold community and/or technical meetings with the public to determine the scope of this assessment and the proposed development. As the developer of this project, CARD-INAC should be prepared to participate in these meetings.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions regarding our process. I can be reached at (867) 766-7066 or ttestart@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tawanis Testart'.

Tawanis Testart
Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board