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Dr. Kathleen Racher
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Dear Dr. Racher:

Giant Mine Oversight Board Annual Report 2018

Thank you for sending my office a copy of the Giant Mine Oversight Board (GMOB) 2018 Annual Report providing recommendations for the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP). As a co-proponent, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), contributed to the detailed response to GMOB's recommendations provided in your report which you may have recently received from the Giant Mine Remediation Project Team (GMRP Team).

The GNWT agrees that the GMRP is an opportunity for significant social and economic benefits to Indigenous, northern and local people. This is a key objective of the GMRP, and we continue to work with the Main Construction Manager, Parsons Canada, to realize this goal. We look forward to working together with GMOB and our stakeholders to successfully implement the planned *Socio-economic Benefits Strategy*, and are committed to coordinated communications with respect to procurement.


The Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada - Government of Canada and ENR - GNWT are working together to complete a Human Health Risk Assessment on legacy contamination in the recreational and traditional use areas around Yellowknife, Ndilo and Dettah. This work is separate from the GMRP. Engagement with communities on the draft results are scheduled to occur during the summer of 2019. The GNWT is also leading work in developing outreach material that will help better inform the public and youth educators of the risks related to arsenic in the Yellowknife area.

ENR will continue to work with our stakeholders to ensure an efficient and transparent regulatory review process of the water licence and land use permit applications currently underway with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

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I encourage GMOB to continue the ongoing dialogue with the GMRP Team. Your input is valuable to the GMRP and it will contribute to the successful remediation of the Giant Mine Site for the benefit of northerners.

Sincerely,



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