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Dear Dr. Racher:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 4, 2019, addressed to my colleague, Natalie Plato, Deputy Director of the Giant Mine Remediation Project, concerning the long-term funding for the new Northern Abandoned Mines Reclamation Program, of which Giant Mine is a part.

To clean up the largest and most high-risk contaminated sites in northern Canada, Budget 2019 proposed and in May 2019 Treasury Board approved, \$2.2 billion over fifteen years starting in 2020–21, for Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to create the Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program. The Government of Canada's commitment to fifteen years of long-term funding is extraordinary and significant when compared to the previous five year funding cycle.

The funding for the new Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program is intended to cover the full implementation cost for the Giant Mine Remediation Project. Recognizing that cost estimates for planned future work are subject to change and contain commercially sensitive information, we are not releasing a precise amount associated with the Giant project at this time.

Advancing this project is a priority for the Government of Canada, and the project team is pleased to have access to a secure source of funds for the implementation phase of the project.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Parties to the Environmental Agreement