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Dear Mr. Livingstone:

Giant Mine Oversight Board Annual Report 2021

Thank you for providing the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) with the 2021 Giant Mine Oversight Board (GMOB) Annual Report. As a co-proponent on the Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP), the GNWT's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) will provide input into the detailed GMRP's formal responses to the annual report recommendations, which will be provided to you directly from the GMRP team.

We are pleased to learn of GMOB's interest in the GNWT's discussion paper on the economic potential of a northern remediation economy. Please note that public engagement on the discussion paper via GNWT website and targeted invites to provide information will begin in summer 2022. My staff will be happy to provide you notice when this engagement is underway. Please note that the GNWT is also working in partnership with Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) on the remediation economy work associated with the Federal Strategic Partnership Initiative (SPI).

We appreciate GMOB's acknowledgement of the work undertaken on the Legacy Arsenic Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) to inform GNWT Health & Social Services (HS&S) public health advisories and guidance offered in various communication materials we've produced. We hope that this information helps to better inform the public about arsenic risks in the area and we will continue to look for ways to ensure messaging reaches our communities.

We agree that future land use planning exercises do not need to wait until post-closure and we have been sharing relevant information with the City of Yellowknife as they hold the authority for community planning and zoning bylaws for the Giant Mine area. As you are aware the GMRP has developed a 'constraints map' which provides an overview of the constraints for the GMRP reserve boundary with specific land categories. Stakeholder feedback has been received on the map and it will be used as a tool to facilitate further conversations and a better understanding of what land will be available and for what uses, which will help inform Yellowknife Community Plan updates in the future.

I continue to encourage the ongoing dialogue between GMOB and the Project team, as your input contributes greatly to the delivery of a successful project.

Sincerely,



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