



Attention:

Giant Mine Oversight Board
Alternatives North
Yellowknives Dene First Nation
North Slave Métis Alliance
Bill Slater
City of Yellowknife

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Environmental Assessment Measure 6 Final Report

The Giant Mine Remediation Project (GMRP) is pleased to provide you with the enclosed final Measure 6 report, completed by the GMRP and Deloitte, and finalized with input from stakeholders. This final report satisfies the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Measure 6, which directed the GMRP to “investigate long term funding options for the ongoing maintenance of this project and for contingencies, including a trust fund with multi-year up front funding”.

It is important to note that the Measure 6 report was not meant to result in a final decision on the selection of a funding option. It is not the mandate of the GMRP team to dictate how the project is funded; rather it is to help provide possible options for consideration by the Government of Canada and Parliament, in line with the requirements of Measure 6.

Significant progress has already been made in some important areas concerning funding since the Environmental Assessment, such as the Environmental Agreement that provides long-term funding into research for alternative solutions for the arsenic trioxide dust, and the fifteen years of long-term funding for the new Northern Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, announced in *Budget 2019*, which is intended to cover the full implementation cost for the GMRP. Moving forward, the Senior Director of the Northern Contaminated Sites Branch, who is responsible for securing funding for a portfolio of projects in the North, is committed to engaging the appropriate Government of Canada officials around options for the management of the portfolio over the long-term.

The GMRP would like to sincerely thank you for your insight and significant contributions in the development of the Measure 6 report and we look forward to continued discussions on options for the management of the project over the long-term.

Sincerely,

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