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GMOB Review and Comments on Draft Plans/Reports in Preparation for the 2019 Water Licensing Process

As discussed earlier this month, the Giant Mine Oversight Board has prepared written comments regarding information provided by the Project Team prior to and during the Technical Sessions on the Giant Mine Remediation Project held in Yellowknife on September 18-20, 2018. Specifically, we are providing comments on the Draft Closure and Reclamation Plan ([Appendix 1](#)), the Draft Aquatic Effects Monitoring Plans ([Appendix 2](#)), the Draft Effluent Quality Criteria Report ([Appendix 3](#)), and the Draft Water Licence ([Appendix 4](#)).

GMOB recognizes the challenge of preparing and communicating its plan for the Giant Mine site and greatly appreciate the Project Team's efforts to date. Our comments include a number of suggestions that the Project Team may find useful when revising its draft plans and reports in preparation for submission to the MVLWB in January 2019.

Note that these comments/suggestions are for the Project Team's consideration only and we are not expecting any kind of formal, written response or acknowledgement. If, however, the Project Team has any questions regarding our suggestions, please contact us for further explanation or discussion at any time.

In recognition of the fact that other parties may only be providing detailed comments on the Project plans during the upcoming licensing process, we have focused our review on identifying areas where we believe additional information will help all parties to fully understand what is being proposed. We look forward to additional discussions on all aspects of the Project during the water licensing process.

Thank you for your consideration of our review and comments. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our office directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy Racher".

Kathy Racher
Chair, Giant Mine Oversight Board

cc. Parties to the Environmental Agreement