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Sent via Email

Dear Ms. Plato
Deputy Director
Giant Mine Remediation Project

RE: Addressing Water Compensation Claims in the Giant Mine Remediation Project Water Licence Proceeding MV2007L8-0031

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) has completed its hearings into your Project's water licence application. A number of water compensation claims advanced to the Board in this proceeding remain outstanding. As you are aware, pursuant to paragraphs 72.03(5)(a) and (b) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) the Board may not issue a water licence in respect of a federal area unless the Applicant satisfies the Board that, either its actions will not have a significant adverse effect on waters, or that compensation claims have been resolved.

The Board has been advised that officials of the Giant Mine Remediation Project have met with compensation claimants in an attempt to negotiate a settlement of some of these claims. Where possible, the Board encourages parties to water compensation claims to move expeditiously to address these matters through negotiation. If no settlement can be reached, however, the Board must adjudicate water compensation claims.

Please provide a written report to the Board no later than March 27, 2020 indicating your Project's view on the status of each of the water compensation claims before the Board. Indicate whether any settlements have been reached on any of these claims. Please send the information to Shannon Allerston at sallerston@mvlwb.com.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelagh Montgomery".

Shelagh Montgomery
Executive Director MVLWB

Copied to: Board Counsel