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**GMRP – Response to Claims- MV2007L8-0031**

This letter is in response to the GMRP letter of 15 November 2019 with respect to applications for claims due to the impact of the project. The letter of 15 November 2019 from the GMRP was clearly thoroughly researched and drafted by a team of legal experts. It is impracticable for us to expend the effort in both time and resources to mount a viable defence required to respond to the myriad details as expressed by the GMRP legal team and their narrow interpretation of the Act – instead we will focus on the overarching spirit and intent of the MVRMA and the key project management skill of making things better and hope there is an elegant solution provided by the parties during the process.

The remediation project is large, complex, expensive, extends over a long period of time and has some major risks. It will impact many people and organizations along the way – even some who have not yet realized it. The Project team has communicated some ideas of how they might phase their work, create additional space and construct a new and improved boat launch that will serve the needs of the people using the area for water access and reducing the impacts. We are encouraged by these ideas. We have not yet seen formal plans, schedules or designs so the ideas are still very much in the conception phase of the project. I do hope the GMRP team will follow through with their commitments and expend sufficient effort in further developing these plans and executing them professionally. Perhaps the MVLWB can assist to ensure these commitments are fulfilled by formally making them part of the approval and have the GMRP report on progress on a regular basis.

As noted in our initial claim letter, we would strongly encourage the parties to work closely together throughout the project life to avoid any major impacts but to also ensure the area is safe and there is an effective boat launch which all parties can be proud of as a result of the project.

The GMRP team will comprise of a huge team of professionals and experts. I am sure as part of the overall project to remediate the Giant Mine site, improving the area around the lake front to the betterment of the citizens and visitors of Yellowknife is something they would be keen to be involved in. I have been part of many civil engineering projects around the world and leaving the area better than when we started was always a critical factor in the success. I would be more than willing to meet with the GMRP representatives or members of the MVLWB to further explore options for success.

Respectfully

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