

Laboratory Services,
Occupational Health Division,
200 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

August 2nd, 1956.

Mr. P.N. Pitcher,
General Manager,
Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Ltd.,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Pete:

When Steve and I were in your office recently we discussed with you the propriety of distributing to the two mines, Giant and Con, our reports on the arsenic situation in Yellowknife. To ensure that we will not be distributing any information which you have not authorized us to give out I wish now to recapitulate.

In addition to information on arsenic in water and snow and on grass, which we obtained ourselves, the reports contain information on:

- (a) Monthly roaster tonnages at each mine.
- (b) Fall pan data obtained by each mine.
- (c) Efficiencies of the arsenic collection system at each mine.

You consented to distribution of the roaster tonnages and I imagine there is no objection to publishing the fall pan data. However, although a glance at the Giant stack effluent will tell anyone that you are emitting much more smoke than Con is no one knows how much more. Are you agreeable to letting Con know just what your collection efficiency is?

I hope you understand that there is no intention on our part to press you on this matter as it is not of too much concern to us one way or another. But if you and Con wish to receive copies of the reports we will need your mutual consent to this interchange of information.

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Yours sincerely,

c.c. to S. Homulos, District Mining Inspector
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

J.P. Windish
Industrial Hygienist.