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KOPPERS CORP. TO TAKE GIANT ARSENIC TRIOXIDE BYPRODUCT SOUTH

Giant Yellowknife Mines Limited has entered into a contract with Koppers Corp. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to supply arsenic trioxide ~~purchased~~ ^{produced} from its gold mining operations.

W.A. Moore, General Manager of Giant, states that "Giant has a contract with an experienced customer, is building a well designed loading facility and has ⁱⁿ solid contingency plans."

The Koppers contract means it will not be necessary to store future arsenic production underground. It provides a safe way of disposing of the byproduct and Koppers receives a dependable supply of a resource that is becoming scarce in the United States where it is used in a number of industrial applications.

Koppers will begin trucking the product out to its processing plant in ^{the} U.S. early in March, after special loading facilities at Giant are complete. Three to four truckloads a week will normally handle Giant's output, but a 60-foot high bolted steel silo, topped by dust collector ⁱⁿ equipment, will provide storage for the freeze-up and break-up periods when truck haulage is not possible.

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The loading will be a totally sealed process, and workers will wear protective suits for personal protection. Giant has purchased a special vacuum truck that will be available to handle any unforeseen release of material. The vehicle is part of an extensive road spill prevention and response program worked out among Giant, Koppers and the Government of the Northwest Territories' Emergency Measures Office. Some of the plan's elements are specifically adapted to Northern conditions.

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