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MEMORANDUM

To: Sadek E. El-Alfy
From: Larry Connell
Date: September 08, 1995
Subject: Sulphur Dioxide Emissions at Giant - City of Yellowknife

John Stard sent me the attached letter from the City of Yellowknife regarding tighter legislative controls over sulphur dioxide emissions from the Giant roaster. Obviously we have little to no support at the City council. It appears they would like to see us close up shop.

This resolution needs a response as it is not factually correct but who should be the parties to respond. Can you please advise me on how you think I should proceed. I do not mind drafting a response but should it be signed by someone at a higher level within Royal Oak.



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Mr. John Stard
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Dear Mr. Stard:

As discussed last Friday, the enclosed motion was passed by City Council during its regular meeting on August 28, 1995.

Yours truly,

David Lovell
Mayor

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WHEREAS there are substantial air emissions of sulphur dioxide and arsenic from the Royal Oak Giant Mine that have been detected over Yellowknife; and

WHEREAS these emissions have been proven to be harmful to vegetation in the vicinity of the mine and have the potential to cause harmful effects to the environment and human health of the residents of Yellowknife; and

WHEREAS the principle of zero discharge of harmful pollutants is becoming widely accepted; and

WHEREAS there are no enforceable government regulations on sulphur dioxide or arsenic emissions into the air; and

WHEREAS there are technologically feasible methods to reduce and eliminate the air emissions from the Giant Mine; and

WHEREAS little progress has been made on discussions between the company and governments to eliminate these emissions; and

WHEREAS the City of Yellowknife has a duty to take a position on matters of public interest to its citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Yellowknife request the federal and territorial governments take immediate steps to introduce enforceable, binding regulations dealing with sulphur dioxide and arsenic levels in the air that Yellowknifers' breath; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be conveyed immediately by letter to Royal Oak Mines and the responsible territorial and federal Ministers.