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**Re: Arsenic Releases in the NWT**

Attention: Mr. Erik Madsen  
Superintendent, Environmental Services

Dear Sir:

I have enclosed a final copy of the report "Arsenic Emission Control from Pyrometallurgical Operations" prepared for Environment Canada by W. R. Hatch Engineering Ltd. The report incorporates much of the information gathered during our site visit at Giant Mine and meeting with Phil MacIntyre, on January 31, 1996. This report will be a major reference for our report on options for the management of arsenic releases from gold roasters, and we are seeking your comments on the technical content of this report, especially where information specific to Giant Mine is presented.

We have had some requests to provide copies of this report to the public. During your review, please consider which, if any, information on Giant Mine you want to remain confidential, and let us know. The report can then be edited before release. As we are under some time pressure, please provide your comments by April 15, if possible. If you do not feel that you can meet this deadline, please call me at 920-6061 as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Yours truly

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Chief, Environmental Engineering Section

cc Laura M. Johnston

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