



CANADA

NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION
AND LANDS BRANCH

DEPARTMENT
OF
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ottawa, 19 June, 1951.

A.K. Muir, Esq.,
General Manager,
Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Muir:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting held in my office on June 1, 1951, which you and Mr. A.C. Callow were good enough to attend, with reference to the arsenic problem at Yellowknife.

At this meeting you gave an assurance that your Company would indemnify the parents of the deceased Indian boy, Frank Abel, through the Director of Indian Affairs, Department of Citizenship and Immigration, and that your Company would have a Cottrell plant in operation at the mine this summer. The method of storing arsenic trioxide recovered from the smoke from the roaster plant in underground chambers was approved, provided your Company assumed responsibility for any damages which might result from this method of storage.

It was agreed that the precautions which were instituted in January, 1950, should be intensified and in this connection I am enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded to Dr. O.L. Stanton, Medical Officer of Health, Yellowknife, which is self-explanatory. It is expected that your Company will co-operate with Dr. Stanton in the taking of samples of water, vegetation, and soil, and the posting of warning signs. An acknowledgement of this letter would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

G.E.B. Sinclair,
Director.