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Ottawa, 20 August, 1951.

J. G. McNiven, Esq.,
Manager, Negus Mines Ltd.,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. McNiven,

I have your letter of August 10 with reference to the storage of arsenic slurry.

Under the circumstances we agree to your storing arsenic slurry until July 15, 1952, either above ground or below ground. To be specific it will be satisfactory if you store your slurry under ground in accordance with your letter of June 7, or if you store it above ground in accordance with paragraph 2 of your letter of August 10.

Insofar as storage after July 15, 1952, is concerned, we will expect you well in advance of that date to make a specific recommendation for permanent storage in consultation with our Mining Inspector at Yellowknife. With reference to the prevention of arsenic dissemination through fumes, we realize that the impinger method has been used by Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company and that they regard it as equally satisfactory as the Cottrell method. We therefore agree to your using the impinger as developed by Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, on the understanding that the tests agreed upon at our meeting on July 30 be strictly carried out, and that if evidence should be obtained that the impinger method is not working satisfactorily you will, upon reasonable notice, abandon it in favour of some other method approved by us in this connection.

I have, therefore, telegraphed you today and enclose confirmation.

Yours sincerely,

C. W. Jackson,
Acting Deputy Minister.
Dept. Northern Affairs