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February 19, 1998

Mr. John Stard
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Dear Mr. Stard:

I want like to thank you for the tour of the mill and the arsenic storage vaults at Giant Mine earlier this week. The review of the Giant Mine water licence renewal application has involved input from many DIAND and Justice staff, and it is important for everyone to understand the issues related to the handling and storage of the arsenic trioxide dust, and how this relates to the overall operation and management of the mine. The tour provided us with a much greater appreciation of the complexity of these issues.

Please extend our thanks to Kent Morton, Rob Moore and Stephen Schultz for their assistance in the mill and underground tours.

I understand that you are providing the NWT Water Board with a similar tour on February 19th. I am sure that this will benefit Board members as it did us.

Sincerely,

Bob Overvold
Regional Director General
Northwest Territories

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