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Mr. Larry Connell
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Dear Mr. Connell:

Thank you for your letter dated July 15, 1996 regarding stakeholder comment on the proposed Gold Roaster Discharge Control Regulations under the Northwest Territories' *Environmental Protection Act*.

As you suggest in your letter, it continues to be the intent of the Government of the Northwest Territories to consider all of the environmental and socio-economic benefits and tradeoffs associated with development of new regulations. In this case, while the environment and well-being of northern residents remains a concern to all of us, we also recognise the Giant mine as being a major contributor to the economy of the Northwest Territories. It is for this reason that officials from the Department of Renewable Resources have been attempting to work cooperatively with company representatives since the issue of mine roaster stack emissions was first raised in 1991.

Since I have reviewed your correspondence and pertinent information, I believe it would be appropriate for the Minister of Renewable Resources, the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi, to continue to deal directly with your office with regard to this matter. I am confident that the Minister and his officials will continue to work cooperatively with Royal Oak Mines as we work toward a fair and equitable conclusion to this issue.

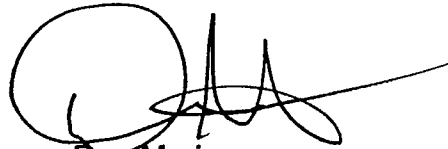
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Representatives of the Minister of Renewable Resources will be contacting your office in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Don Morin
Premier

c: The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi