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Attention: Mark Cliffe-Phillips; Regulatory Specialist

**RE: Response to Comments on Land Use Permit Application
W2009X0002**

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

Thank you for forwarding the comments provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the Government of the Northwest Territories – Environment and Natural Resources (NT-ENR). We have reviewed the comments and provide the following response to the recommendations.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) will ensure that the remedial contractor for the North Inca Remediation Project will be provided direction regarding the requirements and recommendations outlined in the letter from the DFO. Specifically, DFO will be notified should temporary watercourse crossings be required and temporary docks will be established in accordance with the conditions and measures provided by DFO. As well, the nine mitigation measures outlined in the letter will be provided to the contractor and should be included as best management practices for near shore remedial work.

Remedial activities at North Inca will comply with reporting requirements pursuant to forest management and environmental protection as outlined in the letter from NT-ENR. The remedial proposal submitted by the remedial contractor provides detailed wildlife management measures that the contractor intends to implement. Those measures include waste management plans that comply with the suggested management practices, construction plans for the camp that include the use of electric fencing and training plans that will provide all visitors with a review of wildlife and bear safety requirements for the site. All ash generated from garbage incineration will be stored in sealed



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containers and staged at the waste staging areas until off-site disposal at Colomac on the 2010 winter road. Suggestions regarding “Lop and Scatter” brush disposal and stump-shearing will be provided to the remedial contractor for consideration. These methods will be used unless justifiable operational considerations dictate the use of alternate methods.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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