



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Re: September 21 letter from NTMN to the Review Board requesting an extension to comment period for draft Terms of Reference for Tamerlane Venture's Pine Point Pilot Project.

Dear Ms Heron,

Thank you for taking the time to talk to us yesterday to better explain to us your reasons behind your letter of September 21, 2006. As discussed, the staff presented this information to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) at its September 21st, 2006 meeting. The Review Board understands that the request for this additional time was prompted by the submission of a "*Traditional Knowledge Survey Proposal*" from Tamerlane Ventures Inc. to the Fort Resolution Métis Council and that the Northwest Territory Métis Nation would like additional time to examine the implications of Tamerlane's proposal on the draft Terms of Reference.

The Review Board has decided not to alter its timelines. In its opinion, the *Traditional Knowledge Survey Proposal* does not have any direct bearing on the draft Terms of Reference. The terms, conditions and scope of the tentative Traditional Knowledge study are a matter to be negotiated between the Fort Resolution Métis Council and Tamerlane Ventures Inc., independent of the Review Board. Whether or not the Fort Resolution Métis Council chooses to include items from the draft or final Terms of Reference is a decision that is their own to make.

The Review Board thanks the Northwest Territory Métis Nation for the comments submitted to date on the draft ToR, and for its continued participation in the EA process. Should you have any questions concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience by phone at (867)-766-7062 or by email at pduxbury@mveirb.nt.ca.

Yours truly,

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