

## Alistair MacDonald

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**From:** Martin Haefele  
**Sent:** February 8, 2008 4:01 PM  
**To:** 'David Swisher'  
**Cc:** Alistair MacDonald  
**Subject:** RE: REA Tamerlane

Dear Mr. Swisher:

I understand your concerns about the timing of the Review Board's decision and its report of environmental assessment. As you can probably imagine a report of environmental assessment is subject to intense scrutiny. Also, the Minister of INAC, in consultation with other responsible ministers, has to accept the report before any permits or licenses are issued. The minister may accept the report, refer it back to the Review Board for reconsideration, initiate a consult to modify process, or reject the report and order an environmental impact review. A review of past proceedings on our online public registry will show you that a reconsideration or a consult to modify process can be quite lengthy, in some instance longer than the environmental assessment itself.

Therefore, the Review Board is very careful in drafting its report of environmental assessment. The Review Board will take the time it needs to craft a report that minimizes the likelihood of any legal challenges or a consult to modify process. While we are aware of your concerns, we are also conscious of the fact that a legal challenge or a consult to modify would certainly take considerably longer than any delay in finalizing the report. Rest assured that the Review Board will issue its report of assessment as quickly as possible.

regards  
Martin Haefele

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**From:** David Swisher [mailto:dswisher@tamerlaneventures.com]  
**Sent:** February 7, 2008 10:31 AM  
**To:** Martin Haefele  
**Cc:** 'David Swisher'; Alistair MacDonald  
**Subject:** REA Tamerlane

Good morning Mr. Haefele,

I have been working diligently with Alistair throughout the environmental assessment for Tamerlane's Pine Point Project. All timelines outlined in MVEIRB's work plan have been met and in some cases exceeded. I am, however, a bit concerned with the length of time taken to complete the REA as this has already exceeded the work plan timelines. My concern is not only in the interests of moving this

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process forward so we can begin our project but also for the local communities involved. As you may be aware, Tamerlane has three business agreements with the Katlodeeche First Nation, Deninu Kue First Nation and the Hay River Metis Council. Although these agreements were formed specifically for this project, Tamerlane has gone above and beyond its obligations by including our aboriginal partners in our current confirmation drill program. This drilling program is being conducted under an existing type A land use permit. Tamerlane is very pleased that our aboriginal partners are providing supplies, support and employment for 90% of our drilling program. Our drill program will take us through the end of April or early May and, with the support of MVEIRB, we hope to continue this mutually beneficial relationship with a seamless transition from our drill program to project construction.

I certainly appreciate the time and effort you have spent on Tamerlane's behalf, and I thank you in advance for any further assistance you can provide in expediting the REA.

Thank you

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