

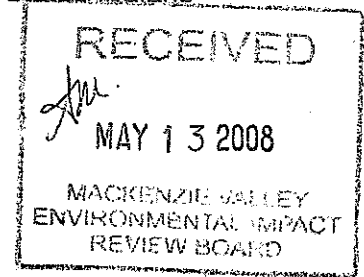
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Mr. Richard Edjericon
Chair
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Edjericon:

As the federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Development, and on behalf of the other Responsible Ministers (the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Environment Canada) with jurisdiction related to the Tamerlane Ventures Inc.'s Pine Point Pilot Project development, I am writing to convey our decision on our authority pursuant to paragraph 130(1)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

In this regard, Indian Northern Affairs Canada and the other Responsible Ministers are in agreement not to order an environmental impact review for the Tamerlane Ventures Inc.'s Pine Point Pilot Project. We support the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's determination regarding the proposed development as set out in its *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision*, dated February 22, 2008.

I wish to thank the Mackenzie Valley Environment Impact Review Board for discharging its duties under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

c.c.: The Honourable John Baird, PC, MP
The Honourable Michael Miltenberger, MLA
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