# Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

## To: EA0607-002 (Tamerlane Pine Point Project) Distribution List

October 23, 2007

### Re: Undertakings from Public Hearing and Date of Closure of Public Record

The Review Board held a Public Hearing on this file in Fort Resolution on October 16, 2007. This notice deals with follow-up information requirements from that Public Hearing, as determined by the Review Board. In addition, the Review Board met on October 22, 2007 and determined the deadlines for receiving "Undertaking" responses, as well as the date the Public Record will close.

Tamerlane Ventures has provided the required feedback to Undertaking #2 as of October 23, 2007. It should be noted that the GNWT should consider Tamerlane's submission of October 23 in its assessment of the Air Quality Assessment identified in Undertaking #5a.

### **Undertakings**

At that Public Hearing, a variety of "Undertakings" were accepted by specific parties, to provide follow-up materials for the Review Board's consideration and entry on the Public Record. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Tamerlane Ventures, Environment Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories are the organizations responsible to provide feedback to the Review Board as a result of these Undertakings.

The following list clarifies the specific requirements of those Undertakings:

- 1. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada undertook to identify for the Public Record any programs the federal government runs, contributes to, knows about, or is considering developing, where traditional harvesters who have been displaced from their livelihoods (particularly from but not limited to effects of natural resource development) can be assisted in the transition to other economic pursuits, and to deal with the social and cultural impacts of these transitions.
- 2. Tamerlane Ventures undertook to identify for the Public Record how they will incorporate the findings and recommendation of the "Site Specific Air Quality Assessment", conducted on their behalf by RWDI Air Inc., into their development mitigation plan. For greater clarity, the developer is asked to respond to the consultant's recommendation for "monitoring of dust, PM<sup>10</sup>, PM<sup>2.5</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub> and CO".

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- 3. Tamerlane Ventures undertook to identify for Environment Canada any relevant mitigation commitments made by the developer during the course of the EA they feel address the recommendations made by Environment Canada in their Public Hearing submission relating to wildlife monitoring, management, and reporting. By extension, the Review Board expects Environment Canada to provide material for the Public Record indicating whether the current commitments made by the developer are adequate to fulfill their recommended mitigations.
- 4. The Government of the Northwest Territories committed to provide for the Public Record a status update on the implementation of the Deh Cho Boreal Caribou Working Group, which was a mitigation measure required by the Review Board in EA03-005.
- 5. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) committed to provide for the Public Record the following
  - a. Their analysis of the Site Specific Air Quality Assessment conducted by RWDI Air Inc. on behalf of the developer, along with any recommended mitigation measures for air quality.
  - b. Any information on the current status (accessibility, programs, plans) of child care in the South Slave region, particularly to address concerns raised by the people of Fort Resolution about inadequate child care spaces for potential mine workers. If adverse impacts are identified in relation to this proposed development, the GNWT should identify appropriate mitigation measures to deal with child care issues.

#### **Deadlines and Date of Closure of Public Record**

In addition to these "Undertakings", the Review Board will be issuing "Requests for Clarification" by Friday, October 26, 2007. These "Requests for Clarification" will be directed to the developer, and will consist of a draft list of commitments made the developer during the course of the EA, as identified by the Review Board. The developer will be asked to confirm that the wording of these commitments is accurate, to provide clarification of their commitments as necessary, and to identify how and when these commitments will be implemented, if there is uncertainty in this regard. The Review Board will then use this list of commitments to assist in its deliberations and decision.

The deadline for receipt of both Undertaking and Requests for Clarification responses is 5pm MST, Friday, November 2, 2007. This is also the deadline for any submissions by Parties; no information received from Parties will be considered on the Public Record after this time.



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The Public Record for this EA will close at 5pm MST, Monday, November 5, 2007. This additional time has been provided only to allow the developer to provide any final comments on new materials submitted by Parties up until their November 2, 2007, deadline.

NOTE: The closure time for the Public Record is dependent on the developer submitting responses to all Requests for Clarification. The Public Record will not close until this material has been received by the Review Board.

After the closure of the Public Record, the Review Board will begin its deliberations. Once a decision has been reached, a *Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision* document will be written and issued to the Federal and responsible ministers for their consideration. This document will also be issued on the Public Registry and forwarded to the developer and all Parties to the environmental assessment.

As always, feel free to contact me with comments, questions, or requests for material.

Regards,

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