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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Yellowknife, NT  
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Dear Ms. Tapsell:

**Re: Notification pursuant to the requirements of subsection 79(1) of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).**

Thank you for your notification letter of July 7, 2006 informing Environment Canada that the proposed Pine Point pilot project submitted by Tamerlane Ventures Inc. (MVEIRB file: EA0607-002) will be taking place in an area that is in the range of the following listed species under SARA: Whooping Crane, Peregrine Falcon (subspecies *anatum*), Woodland Caribou (Boreal population), and Wood Bison.

Expertise and responsibility for Whooping Cranes is within the jurisdiction of Environment Canada. Environment Canada's role with respect to this particular project and Whooping Cranes will be to provide advice and information on potential adverse effects to Whooping Cranes and their habitat, and suggest mitigation and monitoring measures.

EC is the competent minister under SARA for Peregrine Falcon, Woodland Caribou, and Wood Bison and as such, has a national role to play in the conservation and recovery of these species in Canada. However, expertise and day-to-day management responsibility for these species in the Northwest Territories is within the jurisdiction of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). Thus, for this particular project, the GNWT is best suited to provide specific advice and information on the potential adverse effects of this project to these species and their habitat, and to suggest mitigation and monitoring measures. Environment Canada's role with respect to this particular project and any adverse effects on Peregrine Falcon, Woodland Caribou, and Wood Bison will be to provide advice and information on SARA, and general comments on the assessment.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kevin McCormick (Chief, Northern Conservation Division, CWS)  
Mike Fournier (Northern Environmental Assessment Coordinator, EPOD)  
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