



September 12, 2006

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Attn: Alistair MacDonald, Environmental Assessment Officer
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RE: DRAFT Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment of
Tamerlane Ventures Inc.'s Pine Point Pilot Project

Dear Al:

Throughout the Environmental Assessment process, Tamerlane has clearly stated its objective. The Company proposes to construct and operate a Pilot Project to economically confirm underground stoping methods, perimeter freezing, shaft sinking, vertical conveyance and dense media separation. Although the sample is for a one (1) million tonne extraction over an operating period of twelve to fifteen (12-15) months, this Pilot Project is not a full-scale mining operation. The Pilot Project results will determine if a full-scale operation to mine the remaining historically estimated resources of 70 million tonnes is viable.

Tamerlane has reviewed the contents of the draft Terms of Reference posted on the public registry, September 7, 2006. Having completed our review, Tamerlane is very concerned about the excessive number of items (over 300) and extreme level of detail the draft Terms of Reference require for **Tamerlane's small-scale, short-term project**. Specifically, Tamerlane is very surprised and disconcerted by the significant scope extension. Numerous information requests are included that were either not identified during the public comment period and scoping sessions, or are not relevant to the Pilot Project. Please see Tamerlane's concerns and recommendations listed in the following table.

Section	Sub-Section	Page	Concern	Recommendation
3		7	The statement in the 3 rd paragraph is misleading. It assumes “significant adverse impacts” will be attributable to the PPPP.	Tamerlane does not concur with this assumption and recommends rewording this sentence to eliminate this inappropriate assumption.
A	4	9	Tamerlane fully intends to utilize traditional knowledge. The summary table requirement in this section has not been an element of prior Terms of Reference. Please explain why Tamerlane is required to provide it.	Remove, N/A
C	ALL	10	The current organization of the draft Terms of Reference’s major sections is confusing. If left unchanged, the DAR will be difficult to read and/or comprehend.	Section C should be relocated to follow Section F “Public Consultation”
D	18-20	12	Tamerlane’s economic information is confidential. Please explain how these questions are relevant to the environmental assessment process.	Remove, N/A
E	6 a-d	13	Tamerlane has chosen a mining method based on providing the highest level of environmental and economic success. Please explain the relevance of these questions. Does the MVEIRB intend to recommend that Tamerlane pursue an alternative method?	Remove, N/A
H	All	15	Many of the questions included in this section were not posed during either the MVLWB’s public response period or the MVEIRB’s Environmental Assessment scoping sessions. Please explain why they have been included in the Terms of Reference.	Reduce scope of section H to include only relevant and applicable public & government concerns
I-1	10	25	The PPPP is not located near Twin Creek, Buffalo River or Great Slave Lake. No realistic “worst case scenarios” exist.	Remove, N/A
I-2	All	26	The DFO has not identified any fish-bearing lakes in the Pilot Project	Remove, N/A

			footprint area. As well, the Pilot Project is not located in or near any fish or aquatic habitat. Please explain why the MVEIRB is holding Tamerlane responsible for the historic Pine Point Mine's legacy.	
I-5	5	29	Past exploration and discussions throughout the MVLWB and MVEIRB processes have established that permafrost is not present in the Pilot Project area.	Remove, N/A
I-5	6	29	Rockwall stability is a function of underground mine design. Please explain why it is an environmental concern.	Remove, N/A
K	2	32	The Pilot Project is not located in or near the historic Pine Point Mine. Please explain why Tamerlane is expected to include it in a cumulative study area.	Remove, N/A
K	4 a-b	33	The Pilot Project is not located in or near the historic Pine Point Mine or Mackenzie Gas Project. Please explain why Tamerlane is required to provide cumulative biophysical effects for these areas.	Remove, N/A

Tamerlane believes the MVEIRB's draft Terms of Reference for the Pine Point Pilot Project exceed the intent of the Environmental Assessment process. Specifically, the draft Terms of Reference do not appear to be unique to Tamerlane's Pilot Project, but are instead a near duplication of Tyhee Gold Corporation's final Terms of Reference. The two projects are not comparable. One of the most compelling differences is that Tyhee proposes a full-scale mining operation. The proposed Pine Point Pilot Project is an advanced exploration program of limited duration and impact. Further, the environmental, cultural and economic impacts for the two projects are different.

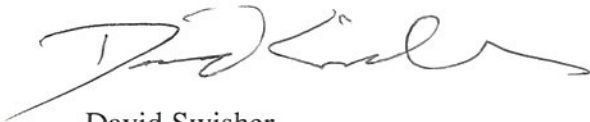
Tamerlane poses the following question to the MVEIRB: If a developer's Terms of Reference are predetermined, why solicit public input or engage in community dialogue?

Tamerlane is committed to responsible business practices and developing mutually beneficial relationships within the project area. To this end, Tamerlane was led to believe that the purpose of the Environmental Assessment and scoping sessions was to help the Review Board narrow-down and identify key potential impacts not already addressed. Tamerlane has actively complied with all requests and made every effort to provide timely information throughout the Environmental Assessment process. Tamerlane believes the MVEIRB's resulting draft Terms of Reference are not an accurate representation of the communities' questions or concerns.

Tamerlane will be seriously encumbered by the substantial economic implications and extended time frame required to address the excessive and inappropriate level of information identified in the draft Terms of Reference. Tamerlane respectfully requests the MVEIRB to limit the scope of the draft Terms of Reference to the key potential concerns raised by Environment Canada and identified during the recently completed scoping sessions.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding our draft Terms of Reference concerns. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,



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