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From: Jasper, Jesse [Yel] [Jesse.Jasper@EC.GC.CA]
Sent: September 24, 2007 2:01 PM
To: Alistair MacDonald
Cc: Wilson, Anne [Yel]
Subject: RE: Draft meeting minutes from Technical Sessions

Alistair

The summary of technical discussions (esp. hydrology and groundwater issues) looks fine to me.

Re your telephone inquiry in late August (received when I returned from vacation) - Do I wish to have information on possible surface impacts of groundwater dewatering by Cominco's Pine Point Mine on area forests added to the public record for the Tamerlane project?

I do not know whether this is necessary, or appropriate, since information submitted concerns massive groundwater dewatering that is completely different than proposed for Tamerlane's Pine Point Project. I do not however have any objection to my August 22 email, my letter to you of July 19, 2007, and accompanying documents being filed to complete the public record file on this matter, and therefore tried to provide as complete a package to you as possible for this purpose. Unfortunately, only incomplete extracts of relevant material were provided by library staff for the document(s) that they located, which should also be on file in the north.

From this material, it appears that the documentation which best summarizes the conclusion that there were no demonstrated significant impacts of massive groundwater dewatering by Pine Point Mine on surface vegetation and groundwater conditions (and this should therefore clearly not be an issue for a Tamerlane project involving minimal groundwater dewatering) is contained in the 1984 evaluation of this issue by the NWT Water Board Technical Committee for Cominco's Pine Point Mine.

This technical report should be available in NWT Water Board files, though I am not aware whether files for projects decommissioned more than 15 years ago are readily available. You likely have better contacts with the NWT Water Board than I to request a copy of this document. If you would like me to prepare a formal letter (rather than an email) covering this, please advise me accordingly.

I trust this addresses the issue. If not, please contact me for further information required.

Jesse

From: Alistair MacDonald [mailto:AMacDonald@mveirb.nt.ca]
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 8:47 AM
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Technical Session attendees,

Please find attached the draft meeting minutes from the technical sessions held in Hay River. The MVEIRB will be issuing final meeting minutes once you have had a chance to look through this draft and make any comments on the accuracy of the reporting therein. Responses are due by end of day, 5pm MST, Tuesday, September 18.

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If you have a specific comment, please cite the page and paragraph number and provide comments accordingly. Meeting minutes were generated from comprehensive analysis of 3 different sets of notes, so we feel we have caught the main points. Focus on commenting if you made a statement and you don't feel we have captured the essence of your statement. General comments will also be accepted. Wordsmithing is not encouraged, as evidenced by the PDF document. These We are interested to know if there are any factual errors and whether the statements attributed are reflective of the discussion that occurred, rather than providing a transcript or a forum for any reconsiderations that might have come up in the interim.

The Review Board staff will be taking all comments into consideration and submitting a final version of the Meeting Minutes to the public record this coming week.

Contact me with any questions.

Regards,

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