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RE: Tamerlane Venture

Attention: Chairperson & Board

This letter sets out the position of the Fort Resolution Métis Council ("FRMC") regarding the Tamerlane's proposed Project at Pine Point.

The FRMC is a governing body that is comprised of indigenous Métis descendant from the Fort Resolution and surrounding area. The Project is wholly within the asserted traditional territory of the FRMC. The Project is within an area actively utilized by our harvesters for hunting and trapping. The FRMC is a member community of the Northwest Territory Métis Nation ("NWTMN"). The NWTMN is negotiating a land and resources agreement with Canada and the GNWT pursuant to the NWTMN Framework Agreement, signed in 1996. The parties are advanced in the negotiation of an Agreement-in-Principle, and it is expected that land withdrawal discussions will occur within months. The FRMC possesses aboriginal rights protected by section 35 of the *Constitution Act*, 1982. The negotiation of a land and resources agreement is an indication that the Crown has taken the asserted interests of the FRMC seriously.

The FRMC is not in support of the Project for the following reasons:

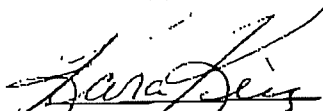
- The FRMC has raised concerns regarding the potential adverse of the Project on the interests of the FRMC, in particular harvesting. Tamerlane and the Crown have not substantially addressed the concerns of the FRMC;

- The Project involves many technical details and use of unproven technologies. We note that the Project has undergone many changes late in the review process. The FRMC has not been provided adequate time to consider these last minute changes. The FRMC has not been provided capacity funding by Tamerlane or the Crown to independently assess the potential adverse affect of the Project on the interests of the FRMC. The FRMC does not have any financial means to independently assess the Project;
- As a major industrial development, the Project will have an impact of the way of life of the FRMC. The FRMC has not been afforded capacity funding to independently to carry out a socio-economic impact assessment;
- Although Tamerlane has tabled an Exploration Agreement, Tamerlane is not willing to negotiate in good faith the accommodation of the interests of the FRMC. Tamerlane is not open to negotiating an Impact Benefit Agreement that is relevant to the size and scope of the Project (\$130 million +/- construction cost and \$500 million +/- gross revenue). The commitments proposed are vague and unenforceable, and do not provide for adequate capacity funding nor rcvenue sharing. Tamerlane needs to revisit its proposed agreement in a substantive fashion and move beyond its nominal and token approach. The FRMC is agreeable to negotiating an IBA in good faith;
- The Project is located within the area formerly intensively mined. The FRMC is concerned about cumulative impacts, particularly when there are outstanding environmental issues from the former mine at Pine Point; and
- The Project will have the affect of prejudicing the land selection options for the FRMC. The land claim and interest of the FRMC needs to be finalized prior to the Crown alienating the interests of the FRMC.

The FRMC holds the Crown to uphold its honour and fiduciary duty by substantially addressing and accommodating the concerns and interests of the FRMC consistent with the direction provided by the Supreme Court of Canada in the *Ilaida* and *Mikisew Cree* court cases.

We look forward to hearing from you.

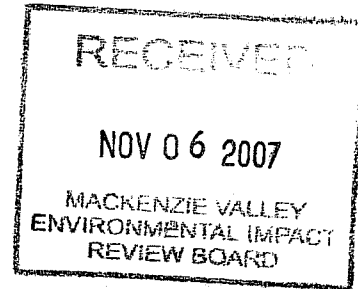
Sincerely,


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