Subject: EA0607-002 – Public Registry and Environmental Assessment Update – June 4, 2007

This is a periodic update of new additions to the Public Registry for EA0607-002 – the Pine Point Pilot Project (PPPP), as well as an update on where we are at in the EA. These updates are issued to ensure that all interested parties have received notice of all relevant activities related to the EA.

All documents referred to here are available on the MVEIRB website public registry at www.mveirb.nt.ca.

Additions to the Public Registry

For the period of April 20-June 4, the following additions have been made to the Public Registry -

- May 2, 2007 Notice that the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) was placed on the paper public registry in three parts:
- 1. The DAR Main Report
- 2. The DAR Appendices
- 3. The DAR Plain Language version

(NOTE: copies of the DAR should have been distributed to all interested parties by now. Please contact the Review Board if you have not received these documents)

- May 3, 2007 Notice of forthcoming site visit by the Review Board scheduled for May 23, 2007
- May 9, 2007 Notice that the Review Board had hired an expert advisory team to assist in its assessment of water quality and freezewall technology issues
- May 9, 2007 issuance of Request for Party Status forms, with a deadline for submissions of June 1, 2007
- May 15, 2007 issuance of First Round IRs from the Review Board to the developer and select other parties. Responses due back by June 13, 2007
- May 15, 2007 issuance of Technical Meeting Topics Questionnaires, so that parties interested in the development can identify any issues they feel need to be address in Technical Meetings. Responses due back by June 13, 2007
- May 17, 2007 correspondence from Greg McMeekin of Hay River regarding reclamation issues, and clarification response from the Review Board
- May 18, 2007 Response to IR0607-002-033 on the applicability of Metal Mining Effluent Regulations to the PPPP, from Environment Canada
- May 29, 2007 First Round IR Responses from Tamerlane Ventures
- May 29, 2007 Letter of Support from MLA Jane Groenewegen for the PPPP

- June 4, 2007 Report of Site Visit of May 23, issued by the Review Board
- June 4, 2007 this Public Registry/EA update

All of the above listed documents are available on the Review Board website public registry. Contact me with any questions or requests for material.

EA Process Update

Please note the following deadlines:

- 1. All Request for Party Status Forms should have already been returned to the Review Board; the deadline was June 1. Party status during an EA is essential for those groups that want to submit 2nd Round Information Requests, issue Technical Reports, and give formal presentations at Public Hearings, among other privileges.
- All First Round IR responses are due back by Wednesday, June 13. Tamerlane Ventures (IRs #1-31) and Environment Canada (#33) have already provided their responses.
- 3. All Technical Meeting Topic Questionnaires are due back by Wednesday, June 13.

At its Board Meeting on June 18-20, the Review Board will be examining the Developer's Assessment Report, all responses to First Round IRs, and all responses to the Technical Meeting Topic Questionnaires, in order to determine whether Technical Meetings will be required and on what issues. If Technical Meetings are required, they will be held in July at a location to be determined by the Review Board, and will be formally organized in a Pre-Meeting teleconference before the end of June.

The Review Board will also be determining Party status at its June Board Meeting. Contact me with any questions about the EA process.

Regards,

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