

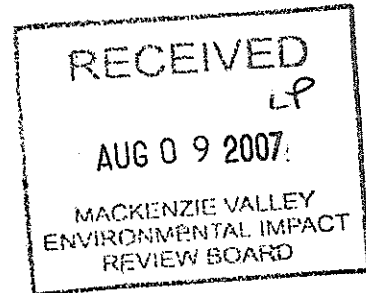
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auprès des Métis et des Indiens non inscrits



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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H4

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Chief Alex Sunrise  
Katlodeeche First Nation  
PO Box 3060  
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Dear Chief Sunrise:

Thank you for your letter of May 25, 2007, concerning the Tamerlane Ventures Inc.'s Pine Point Pilot Project.

The current project was referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board on June 27, 2006, by Environment Canada for an environmental assessment, pursuant to section 126 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

I would encourage you to register with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for party status in the Environmental Assessment and to provide your input to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

Unfortunately, I am not available for a meeting; however, I have asked Mr. Lionel Marcinkoski, Environmental Scientist, to contact you to discuss your concerns and any additional information requirements on the project. Mr. Marcinkoski can be reached at the following address:

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PO Box 1500  
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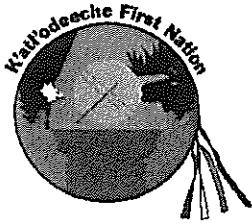
Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: Ms. Gabrielle Mackenzie Scott



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May 25, 2007

The Hon Jim Prentice  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs  
10 Wellington Street  
Gatineau QC KIA 0H4

Dear Minister Prentice,

## **Re: Tamerlane Ventures**

On behalf of the Chief and Council of Katlodeeche First Nation and its community members, I am writing to seek your support in moving the Tamerlane Pine Point Pilot Project ahead in an effort to promote the economic opportunities that will result with this mine going into operation.

Tamerlane commenced exploration activities in the fourth quarter of 2004 and completed a two-phase exploration program in the fall of 2005. In June 2006, Tamerlane Ventures acquired the remaining 40% interest in the Pine Point Property. Subject to receiving regulatory approvals, construction of the project would proceed in 2007 with the objective of advancing the project to a commercial production decision in as soon as possible.

The Tamerlane Pine Point project (PPP) proposes to demonstrate the economic viability of Pine Point by extracting of a one million tonne bulk ore sample from the R190 deposit zinc/lead deposit using a combination of basic and technical mining methods.

The mining of the bulk sample will entail the use of:

- Shaft sinking for orebody access,
- Underground bulk mining methods for use in future mining of lower grade deposits,
- Freezing for groundwater control
- Vertical conveyance for consistent hoisting of ore
- Dense Media Separation (DMS) for upgrading low grade deposits.

The Katlodeeche First Nation has been developing a good relationship with Tamerlane over the past 2 years and has recently signed an agreement to work together on the Pine Point Pilot Project.

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The agreement outlines job and business opportunities for the Katlodeeche people and ensures ownership in the project now and in the future. Our agreement depends on Tamerlane obtaining its permits for this project, which as we understand, is on land that has been mined over 30 years in the past.

The permit process has already taken over a year and we are concerned for the opportunities of our people that it will take a lot longer. It appears to us there is little or no justification for the delay in awarding the permits as all terms and conditions set out by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board were met or exceeded by Tamerlane Ventures.

As with ourselves, we know that the local communities are in full support of this project (See letter Attached) and would like to see the economic benefits sooner than later. We also have come to understand that it is not the communities holding this process up but the local government bodies out of Yellowknife.

It is clear to the chief & Council of the Katlodeeche First Nation that you, as Minister is very supportive of First nations building around economic infrastructure that will support the community in the future. KFN shares the same vision for our community and for the future of our youth.

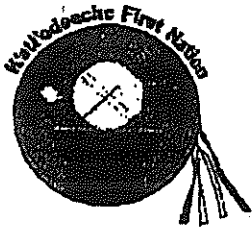
We would appreciate any support that will help our community and others realize the economic benefits from the Pine Point Pilot Project sooner than later. We ask that you facilitate a meeting with our Chief and Council to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your considerations.

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Chief Alec Sunrise



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March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Attn: Alistair MacDonald  
Environmental Assessment Officer

**Re: Letter of Support  
Tamerlane Ventures Inc.**

Dear Mr. MacDonald

Katlodeeche First Nation & Tamerlane Ventures Inc. has been working close together for over a year to develop a mining pilot project on KFN traditional lands. The two parties, over this time frame have been able to agree on many of the issues that would help move this process forward.

The Chief and Council are satisfied that Tamerlane Ventures have taken all the necessary steps to ensure the protection of the lands and natural resources surrounding the mine site. Furthermore, the Chief & Council are satisfied Tamerlane Ventures Inc. have met all the licensing requirements for this project and for the current and future business and economic opportunities between the parties.

The Chief & Council are therefore providing this letter of support to Tamerlane Ventures Inc. access the necessary licenses.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the administration office at 867-874-6701.

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Chief Alec Sunrise