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Subject: EA0607-002 - Tamerlane Ventures' Pine Point Pilot Project – NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING TECHNICAL SESSIONS IN HAY RIVER – JULY 17-18, 2007
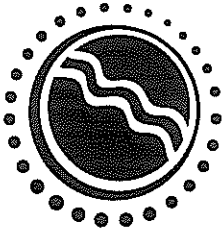
The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) met on June 19, 2007, to discuss the Tamerlane Pine Point Pilot Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and whether, on the basis of the evidence on file and parties' submissions, Technical Sessions are required on this file. The items considered were:

- o the Developer's Assessment Report,
- o all First Round Information Request Responses,
- o comments received from the three parties who proposed Technical Session topics (the Government of the Northwest Territories, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and Environment Canada), and
- o responses to those proposed Technical Session topics from Tamerlane Ventures Inc. (dated June 19, 2007).

In addition, the Review Board received input from its technical advisory team.

The Review Board determined that Technical Sessions are required to address specific water issues only. Technical Sessions will be held in Hay River on July 17-18, 2007, from 8:30am to approximately 5pm daily. The sessions are being held at the Ptarmigan Inn.

The purpose of these Technical Sessions is to allow technical specialists an opportunity to contrast their analyses to recognize specific areas of agreement and disagreement regarding focused technical subjects related to hydrology and water chemistry issues. The results of these

sessions will be released in formats appropriate for review by all parties. Parties without specialized expertise in hydrology and water chemistry are encouraged to review these results.

Technical Sessions are not formal Review Board hearings. No Board Members will be present. Review Board staff will facilitate the Technical Sessions, and the agenda will be structured so that the technical specialists have time to elaborate on the outstanding technical issues pertaining to hydrology and water chemistry.

The following topics will be the focus of discussions at the Technical Sessions:

1. **Reviewing confidence in the prediction of quality characteristics of discharge to receiving bodies;**
2. **Consideration of the potential impacts of individual and combined components** such as salts, ammonia, nitrates, metals on the immediate infiltration basin and surrounding receiving bodies;
3. **Analysis of different scenarios of inflows to the mine,** and what potential increases in water quantity might mean for impacts on the receiving bodies; and
4. **Water quality management planning,** including potential discussions on treatment, containment, monitoring and Best Available Technologies, and how they apply to direct release of discharge into an infiltration basin.

If other issues mentioned as potential Technical Session Topics are still a concern, the Review Board suggests that the individual parties who posed them meet with the developer to discuss them, provided that that a summary of those meetings and any outcomes including any commitments are submitted for the EA Public Registry.

All parties to the EA will have additional opportunities to present any other concerns they have in relation to this proposed development prior to the completion of the EA. Those opportunities include issuing Technical Reports and submitting Information Requests, for example. Additional details on these opportunities for further input will be highlighted well in advance by the Review Board as the EA proceeds.

In order to prepare the meeting logistics and to set a final specific agenda for the Technical Sessions, the Review Board will be hosting a Pre-Technical Sessions Meeting/Teleconference on Wednesday, June 27, from 2-3:30pm MST (Yellowknife time). People who are in Yellowknife can come to the Review Board's Conference Room, which is on the 2nd Floor of the Scotiabank Building, 5102 50th Avenue.

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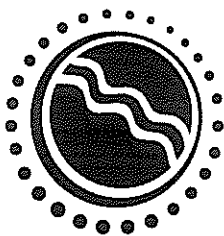
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The Review Board requests that the Parties who have requested Technical Sessions (Environment Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories) refine their proposed questions to fit the focused subject areas listed above. At the Pre-Technical Sessions Meeting, those parties should be prepared to provide a list of very specific questions their organization wants to have addressed on the four topics (above). In addition, be prepared to tell us at the Pre-Technical Sessions Meeting how many technical specialists will be attending the Technical Sessions in Hay River.

The Review Board will identify and distribute specific questions it wants addressed during the Technical Sessions prior to the Pre-Technical Sessions Meeting. We would encourage the developer to continue with their proactive efforts to address these questions prior to the Technical Sessions. Early exchange of information can only make the Technical Sessions more effective.

Contact me with any questions or requests for material.

Regards,

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