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Deh Cho Land Use Planning Committee
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Fort Providence, NT
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Dear Ms. Wiebe:

Thank you very much for the invitation to attend the Deh Cho Land Use Planning meeting in Vancouver last Friday. You provided a very good overview of the process and the work that has been done to date.

I have to admit that as a claim holder I was shocked to learn that the land around my claims had been subject to the Deh Cho land withdrawal a year ago without any formal notice to me.

Tamerlane's contact numbers and address are given at the bottom of the page and you can use me as a contact for the company—Ross Burns, Email burns_r@msn.com.

The answers to your questionnaire are given below:

1. You have captured our existing holdings on the map and you have located known showing areas on your map. With respect to areas for future interest, I cannot see any way of disclosing them without allowing the competition to see what our exploration interests are.
2. The showing areas and the permits and claims give a good snapshot of the current known potential of the area. I do not believe, however, that resource potential can ever be truly outlined as ideas and geologic knowledge change with time. A good example of this is the diamond industry which now flourishes in Canada. If the discovery areas had been subject to a land use planning process comparable to that contemplated by the Deh Cho, before diamonds were discovered, the land would have been withdrawn and the diamonds would never have been discovered. The only way to assure that resources can be discovered and developed is to keep the land free of unnecessary encumbrances and categorization and provide corridors for transportation.

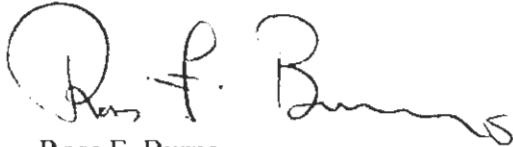
3. We are certainly planning development of the Pine Point deposits as soon as possible. There are a large number of drilled off lead and zinc deposits in the Pine Point area aggregating over 70 million tonnes (including the portion not in the Deh Cho area). We believe that modern technology can make these deposits economic.
4. Even though I am not entirely sure that I understand what “*cumulative effects management*” is, I am interested in being involved in any discussions and research that may affect the Pine Point property.
5. Currently the Deh Cho area is generally, except for the Southern Portion, a relatively forgotten part of the Northwest Territories. Development in the past focused on either Pine Point, the Slave Province northeast of Yellowknife or shipping up the MacKenzie River from Hay River. The time has come to focus on the Dch Cho area by opening up corridors of transportation and promoting its mineral and oil potential to the world. I could envision the Deh Cho area as developing into an economically important area of the Northwest Territories with a vibrant economy based on oil, gas and mineral production.
6. Given that I have to choose an option I would choose #1. I believe, that no matter what exploration and development activity takes place, well over 95% of the area will remain unaffected and in the long run most of the developed areas will be returned to a natural state. The western portion of the area desperately needs transportation corridors and due to human activities these transportation corridors will probably be the areas that will remain after the resources are depleted.

The Pine Point area has already been developed to a large degree with the development of the lead-zinc deposits east of the Buffalo River and the discovery of further deposits west of the Buffalo River. There are also large gravel and sand pits, an abundance of roads and a railroad bed in the area. I believe that this area should remain in a high development area.
7. I found the session quite informative. I believe it is necessary to develop a land use plan that allows rational development of the land with access for both exploration of the land and roads/pipelines to allow development of the located resources. The current mono-block Nahanni Park is a prime example of poor planning that cuts across all potential transportation corridors serving no one well except a few wealthy tourists. In a rational world, the Nahanni Park should be reviewed with a view to placing reasonable corridors of transportation within the park in a similar fashion to that seen in parks in southern Canada. It seems that in the case of these northern parks there is the attitude that these parks were established by God and no man should ever question their righteous boundaries. In planning the area in a rational fashion, the park should be reviewed to allow rational land use planning. The park is huge, prevents rational responsible progress in the area and is the focus of the Canadian “park god” bureaucrats who would like to expand the park further without considering the adverse effects on the First Nations and the Canadian taxpayer.

8. The process of land use planning is a good concept as it identifies what areas people value and why they are valued. However a broad minded planned approach to integrated land use management should be adhered to. The process considered here will sterilize large portions of the land which could be reasonably explored and developed or cut off any reasonable transportation corridor to provide for the development of these lands. In the final version of the land use plan the concept of "soft" versus "hard" boundaries should be used. In this concept the largest portion of the area would be open for exploration and development with perhaps differing rules as to how things must be done within the various "soft" boundary areas. "Hard" boundary areas should be kept to a minimum and used only where protection of an area is absolutely vital. I believe that mineral exploration can coexist comfortably with third party interests to the benefit of all involved.

Please contact me if you have any confusion with respect to my answers to the questionnaire. I would appreciate being kept up to date with respect to any new information on the process.

Yours truly,
Tamerlane Ventures Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross F. Burns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "B".

Ross F. Burns
President