



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

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Via E-mail

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January 16, 2025

Henri van Rooyen
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Re: Tamarack Mine

Dear Chief Executive van Rooyen:

I would like to thank you for the visit to our tribal nation on Wednesday December 11, and the opportunity to meet with you and your team. The Mille Lacs Band appreciates being notified prior to the data submittal to the Minnesota DNR, and the announcement of additional Department of Defense funds going towards your project proposal. Commissioner Applegate has e-mailed you and your team a copy of our presentation which highlights our concerns about Nickel Sulfide mining and the resources we are so protective of, including water and manoomin (wild rice). Commissioner Applegate and his team will review Talon Metals' latest submittal to the Minnesota DNR, and will be providing another round of comments.

Thank you for the e-mail invitation to meet at Tamarack on January 22nd. However, this date does not work for our schedule. I would like to propose alternative meeting dates of February 3rd or 5th, upon which dates we can be available from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. At your earliest convenience, please let us know if either of these dates will work.

We would like to also acknowledge the great amount of work Talon Metals has put into changes and proposed mitigation addressing the concerns the Band has related to the project.

The Mille Lacs Band has an unbreakable bond to our forever homelands, which will someday be in the hands of that seventh generation yet to come. It is our duty to ensure that our descendants will have the same opportunities to live on this land, and enjoy the sacred gifts of the Creator, the way their ancestors have for hundreds of years. We look forward to the future communications with you and the Talon Metals' team, and more meaningful discussions.

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