

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 and that sort of thing, but can you give us anything more  
2 specific as to who they would have approached and what  
3 assessments were made as to the potential for them being  
4 purchasers down the road?

5 A. Well, I think they hired a consultant, Whalen,  
6 maybe?

7 Q. Uh-huh.

8 A. And he made -- I read at one point a report that he  
9 made -- I don't know if you have that or not, but --

10 Q. It's not ringing a bell, but --

11 A. He referred to a number of places they could sell  
12 the coal to and didn't think it would be any difficulty.

13 Anyway, one thing I didn't mention before lunch is  
14 that I made it very clear in public and in the House that  
15 we would never pay one cent on the take-or-pay. That was  
16 an agreement we made with the company. And I told them  
17 after when they went -- for whatever reason decided they  
18 were looking at exercising this option, I said, "You can  
19 sue us; you can do anything you want. You knew what the  
20 understanding was. You're not going to get one red cent  
21 from the taxpayers of Nova Scotia on take-or-pay." I  
22 think there's evidence, when you read through the file,  
23 from Industry, Trade and Technology. I think Marvyn  
24 Robar makes that very clear in his memo that the company  
25 assured him that they would never, never utilize this