

MR. CAMERON, EXAM. BY MR. MERRICK

1 long-term future, we think that as more stringent rules  
2 come along, that the Prince coal was going to be very,  
3 very difficult to sell. So we will make this financial  
4 commitment to you, DEVCO, but please don't misrepresent  
5 that and say that we're actually going to take away  
6 production from DEVCO when we're making that half-a-  
7 billion-dollar commitment and we're going to end up with  
8 200,000 tonnes more a year in purchase."

9 I think those are the kinds of things that just  
10 drove everyone around the bend.

11 Q. Let me interject at this point on --

12 A. And, you know, Curragh really wasn't involved in  
13 those negotiations at all.

14 Q. Let me interject at this point on one of the broader  
15 questions that I did want to address with you that seems  
16 to me may be in the background. If, in fact, the  
17 negotiations between the three parties, Feds, Province  
18 and Westray, whether you call them negotiations, or  
19 stand-off or whatever, had an effect on that mine, can we  
20 not conclude from that, that that is an illustration of  
21 how the injection of too much politics into an issue can  
22 truly affect the merits or the outcome?

23 And I would like your opinion on this from your  
24 perspective because you've sat in positions that few of  
25 us have.