

## **STATEMENTS BY PATTERN ENERGY TO CBC NEWS**

**MONDAY July 23 12:43 PM**

Email from Pattern Energy Legal counsel Frank Davis

“Pattern Development is anguished over the devastating wildfires affecting the areas around the Henvey Inlet Wind project. As wind project partners with Henvey Inlet First Nation, we are deeply concerned with the effect of these fires on the local communities and are committed to helping in any way we can. Our primary concern is the health and safety of local residents, the public, and the workers. Pattern Development and the construction contractor, CER, are in full support of emergency responders and the MNRF and are offering resources to assist, including heavy equipment and helicopters. We are working with Henvey Inlet First Nation and other public agencies to assist in evacuations and provide temporary housing to those displaced. We stand ready to provide additional resources to the local authorities and help our neighbors.

“The direct cause of the fire is unknown at this time. Pattern Development and CER are cooperating with the investigation into the cause, which is being led by the MNRF.

“Regardless of the cause, we are committed to assisting the communities affected.”

**MONDAY July 23, 4:42 PM**

Email from Pattern Energy Matt Dalla

Hi Dave,

Thank you for the questions. Here's our best attempt to address them with the info we have right now.

At this point in time, our primary concern is the health and safety of local residents and workers and the containment of the fire. We are working closely with emergency responders and the MNRF, and have offered housing for evacuees and resources to assist with evacuation, including helicopters. The cause of the fire is not known, despite rumors and speculation. Pattern Development and the construction contractor, CER, are offering our full assistance with the MNRF as they conduct their investigation.

The project site is currently shutdown. Prior to the fire we were maintaining a normal construction schedule. We follow MNRF protocol and refer to their fire rating on a daily basis, which dictates what activities we undertake. We have multiple safety and fire prevention measures in place, including equipment

placed strategically in the project area to combat fires.

Our fire prevention program is based on MNRF guidelines and protocols, and all of our contractors have a fire prevention plan integrated into their health and safety plans. MNRF reviewed the plan and was consulted during development of the measures in the plan.

Best regards,  
Matt

## **ORIGINAL QUESTIONS FROM CBC sent to Pattern Energy**

**MONDAY July 23 12: 53 PM**

Frank and Pattern team,

As I await the statement your team is preparing, I need to move forward with my own inquiries as I'm on a tight deadline. I am hoping you can provide specific responses to the following:

1. To the best of your understanding - what caused this fire?
2. Was construction on the Henvey Inlet wind project operating 7 days a week?
3. What consideration and mitigating steps did Pattern Energy (and its contractors) give to the extreme fire hazard conditions in the region?
4. What fire suppression equipment and protocols were in place in the event that construction sparked fires?
5. How many small fires were started at the construction site in the past three weeks stemming from construction activity?
6. What do you say to the Ministry of Natural Resources's initial characterization of this fire as having been 'human caused'?
7. What do you say to assertions by workers at the scene that a piece of equipment (an Argo) was left disabled in the bush, and that this is what started the fire?
8. Who left the equipment in the bush? (A Pattern employee - or a subcontractor of what company?)
9. What is Pattern Energy doing to assist in the investigation of this fire?
10. What responsibility does Pattern have for the damages and displacement

being caused by this out of control fire that is consuming a large stretch of Henvey Inlet territory as well as the adjacent French River Provincial Park?

Please confirm receipt.

My deadline for answers to these questions is 4:30 PM.