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Timminco's Dietrich and Boisvert Evade Questions on Manipulating Conference.

Robert Dietrich, Timminco Limited's (TSX: C\$27.37) CFO and executive vice-president for finance, would not confirm that Timminco or its subsidiary Becancour forced a silicon industry conference to cancel Asensio's invitation, according to a story by Greentechmedia.com. Dietrich even stated, "Why would we care too much about what he [Asensio] does or doesn't do?" Despite Dietrich's evasive statement, Timminco apparently cares a great deal about what Asensio does. The conference organizer's email to Asensio cancelling the invitation made clear that Becancour/Timminco had effectively said 'us or Asensio.' However, Dietrich refused to take responsibility. Rene Boisvert, the Becancour executive who spoke at the conference, did not respond to Greentechmedia's request for a comment.

Stockwatch.com also reported on Timminco's actions to prevent Asensio from attending the conference. Stockwatch asked Asensio for a few questions he would have asked Boisvert. Stockwatch then sent Asensio's questions directly to Boisvert, who did not respond, though "an email receipt confirms that Mr. Boisvert read the message."

For the Greentechmedia article, click here.

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For full background see "Timming Won't Face Questions at Silicon Industry Conference" on asensio.com.