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Mackenzic Valley Environmental Impact Review Board 200 Scotia Center (P.O. Box 938) Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Attention: Louie Azzolini

Re: Draft Work Plan and Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of the Patterson Sawmill Ltd. Timber Harvesting Operation Pine Point, Little Buffalo River Area, NT

The above documents have been reviewed by mysclf on behalf of Environment Canada (EC). EC provides the following comments pursuant to Section 22 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

EC agrees with the scope of the draft Environmental Assessment and with the development of the draft Work Plan. EC recognizes that many of our comments previously provided to both the Forest Management Division of RWED and to the MVLWB (letters dated respectively, October 30, 2000 and August 21, 2000) have been included in the development of these documents.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on the draft Work Plan and Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment.

In addition, EC is of the understanding that a timber analysis for Cameron Hills has been developed by RWED. We feel it would be useful to obtain this plan for reviewing future projects in this area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4743 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Yours truly.

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