

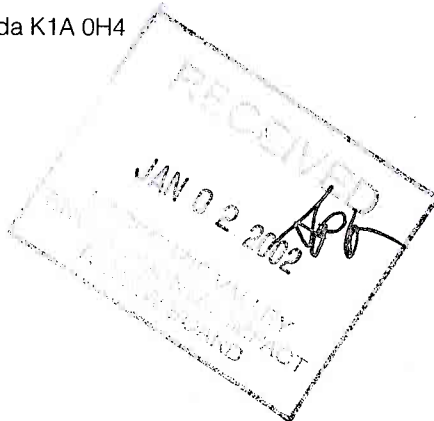
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Mr. Frank Pope
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Dear Mr. Pope:

On behalf of the responsible ministers with jurisdiction related to this development, I thank you for your letters dated December 3 and December 13, 2001, which include the Report of Environmental Assessment on the Cameron Hills Gathering System and Pipeline Development proposed by Paramount Resources Ltd. and the subsequent clarification on the findings of this report.

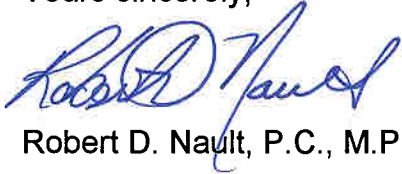
The responsible ministers would like to immediately initiate consultation with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Board) as provided for in subsection 130 (1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). My officials expect that consultation would primarily focus on measures 13, 15, 16 and 17.

Under the direction of Mr. Lorne Tricoteux, my regional staff are available to consult further with the Board, I would ask that this work begin immediately.

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I look forward to an expedient resolution of the outstanding issues.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c.: The Honourable Jim Antoine, Minister, RWED,
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