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Mr. Frank Pope
Alternate Chair
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Dear Mr. Pope:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 2001, enclosing the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's *Report of Environmental Assessment on the Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Gathering System and Pipeline Development*.

I am writing to ask the Board for clarification regarding the determination it has made pursuant to section 128 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. In order for me and the other responsible Ministers to take a decision under section 130 of the Act, it is necessary that I understand clearly under which subsection of section 128 your decision is based.

I would appreciate receiving this information quickly.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Ms. Shirley Maaskant, Paramount Resources Ltd.
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