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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Attention: Frank Pope, Alternate Chair

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Your letter of December 24, 2001 regarding a Consultation Meeting**

We have just received a copy of your letter to Lorne Tricoteaux, dated December 24, 2001, regarding a consultation meeting scheduled for January 4th which was organized by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC"). Our offices were closed for the holidays from December 22 to today.

In your letter, you question whether INAC has informed other participants of the meeting, "and provided them the opportunity to participate..." Our offices were not informed. Your letter to Tricoteaux is the first word we have had of this meeting.

From the letter, we understand the purpose of this meeting is primarily to discuss Measures 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's *Report of Environmental Assessment on the Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Gathering System and Pipeline Development* (the "Report"). We also understand that the floor is open for discussing any other concerns which Paramount or Environmental Assessment participants may have with the Report. We absolutely want to participate in this meeting. The interests of our client, the Ka'a' Gee Tu First Nation, are directly at stake, and so must be represented at the consultation meeting.

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We have not yet been able to contact the Ka'a' Gee Tu First Nation, to determine whether they are available to participate. Their offices are closed until next Monday. We also have scheduled commitments for Friday.

Please advise us if you will re-schedule the meeting so that both ourselves and the Ka'a' Gee Tu First Nation are able to attend. Please also inform us if the meeting will proceed without our participation. If so, we will assess the situation and advise you of our position.

Yours truly,

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cc: Chief and Council, Ka'a' Gee Tu First Nation  
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Lorne Tricoteaux, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada