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Cameron Hills, N.W.T.
Gathering System and Central Facility
Noise Survey Following
Production Operations Commencement

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Executive Summary

Patching Associates Acoustical Engineering Ltd. (PAAE) was requested by Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) to perform a noise survey following the start-up of production operations at a facility southwest of Hay River, Northwest Territories. The results of this survey will be used to determine the noise contribution of only the facilities at Paramount's operations in the Cameron Hills region after the construction of an oil and gas gathering system and central facility. Measurements were taken over a one-day period at two locations 1500 metres from the central facility and future satellite site.

The survey results contained short-term higher-level sound events that were not indicative of noise generated by the facility and are attributed to helicopters, facility operators on all-terrain vehicles and visits by PAAE technical staff. The non-facility short-term sounds were verified and isolated from comprehensive sound level data using activity logs from the plant operators and are presented in the table below.

Noise Measurements at Two Receivers Located at 1500 metres

Date	Daytime/	Measured Sound Level*		Residual Sound Level**	
(2002)	Nighttime	Leg (dBA)	Hours	Leg (dBA)	Hours
Site 1 – 1500	NNW of Future S	Satellite Site			
Apr. 13	07:00 – 21:59	31.0	10.5	20.3	10.3
Apr. 13 – 14	22:00 – 06:59	21.0	9.0	21.0	9.0
Apr. 14	07:00 – 21:59	31.9	4.2	23.6	4.1
Ov	erall	29.5	23.7	21.4	23.4
Site 2 - 1500	S of Central Fac	ility			
Apr. 13	07:00 – 21:59	40.0	10.4	24.9	10.1
Apr. 13 – 14	22:00 - 06:59	24.6	9.0	24.6	9.0
Apr. 14	07:00 - 21:59	37.9	4.3	26.4	4.0
Overall		37.5	23.7	25.1	23.2

^{*} The Measured Leq describes the sound level without the influence of PAAE set-up staff only (i.e. PAAE support helicopter).

The results of this assessment indicate that the current post-construction noise levels at 1500 metres from the central facility and future satellite site are well within the nighttime L_{eq} target of 40 dBA made by Paramount Resources Ltd.

^{**} The Residual Leq describes the sound level without the influence of helicopters and all-terrain vehicles used by Paramount and PAAE set-up staff.

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Introduction

Patching Associates Acoustical Engineering Ltd. (PAAE) was requested by Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) to perform a noise survey following the start-up of production operations at a facility southwest of Hay River, Northwest Territories. The results of this survey will be used to determine the noise contribution of only the facilities at Paramount's operations in the Cameron Hills region after the construction of an oil and gas gathering system and central facility. Measurements were taken over a one-day period at two locations 1500 metres from the central facility and future satellite site.

Noise Criteria

Paramount has targeted a nighttime Leq noise level of 40 dBA from the facility. PAAE has assumed that the nighttime period to be the same as the nighttime period specified by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB). The AEUB defines daytime as between 7:00 and 21:59, and nighttime as between 22:00 and 6:59.

The L_{eq} is the A-weighted equivalent-continuous sound level. This index is an energy average of the varying sound levels over a specified period. The use of this index permits the description of a varying sound level environment as a single number. As the L_{eq} is an "average" level, the measured sound level may exceed the criterion level for a short period, provided that the duration is limited. The L_{eq} value considers both the sound level and the length of time that the sound level occurs. Appendix A provides a detailed explanation of the L_{eq} index.

Methodology

The sound monitoring survey was conducted with Brüel & Kjær Model 2236 Precision Integrating Sound Level Meter which was equipped with a Brüel & Kjær 4188 microphone. The sound level meter was configured to continuously record the one-minute Leq, L10 and L90 values. The microphone was mounted with a Brüel & Kjær windscreen Model DS 0934 to reduce the potential for wind-induced noise at the microphone, as required by the Directive.

The sound level meter was field calibrated at the start of the comprehensive sound monitoring survey and then checked at the completion of the survey with a Brüel & Kjær Model 4231 Sound Level Calibrator.

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Monitoring Locations

Measurement Site #1 was located 1500 metres NNW of the future satellite site at UTM 6659021 N / 11 470884 E and Measurement Site #2 was located 1500 metres S of the central facility at UTM 6654227 N / 11 472066 E. Figure 1.0 depicts the locations of the comprehensive noise measurements for the study.

Figure 1.0: Comprehensive Noise Measurement Locations (Apr. 13 - 14, 2002)

The microphone was mounted on a tripod at a height of approximately 1.5 m above the ground.

Facility Operating Conditions

Observations from field staff and conversations with the facility operator indicate that the Paramount facility was operating normally during the study period.

It is the understanding of PAAE that local helicopter and all-terrain vehicle activities were due to troubleshooting work at the wellsites. Paramount has indicated that once the initial start-up phase of the production operation is streamlined, this activity will be substantially reduced.

Environmental Conditions

Wind induced noise can often be a problem in environmental measurements. The AEUB Noise Control Directive ID 99-8 (Directive) requires that for environmental noise surveys, the wind speed is no greater than 20 kph for facilities upwind or crosswind of the receiver and 15 kph for facilities downwind of the receiver. This survey has also adopted this method to ensure a valid and meaningful measurement result.

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The hourly observation record of wind velocity and direction measured at the Hay River weather station is presented in Table 1.

Table 1 – Weather Conditions for Hay River, Northwest Territories April 13, 2002 – April 14, 2002

Date	Time	Temperature	Wind Speed	Wind Direction
	11:00	(°C)	(kph)	
		-8	13	NNW
	12:00	-7	13	NNW
	13:00	-6	11	NW
	14:00		Not Available	
	15:00	-4	13	NNW
Amril 12 2002	16:00	-3	11	NW
April 13, 2002	17:00	-3	11	NW
	18:00	-2	13	NW
	19:00	-2	15	WNW
	20:00	-3	9	WNW
	21:00	-5	9	WNW
	22:00	-6	0	-
	23:00	-9	0	-
	00:00	-10	11	E
	01:00	-9	13	E
	02:00	-11	11	E
	03:00	-11	7	E
	04:00	-11	6	ESE
April 14, 2002	05:00	-13	11	Ε .
April 14, 2002	06:00	-16	7	E
	07:00	-16	4	ESE
	08:00	-15	9	E
	09:00	-14	7	E
	10:00	-12	15	ENE
	11:00	-11	15	ENE

It should be noted that the weather conditions at the weather station might not correspond with those at the measurement sites but should serve as an adequate indicator of the conditions in the general study area.

The topography of the area may be described as flat muskeg with small brush and trees.

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Results

The recorded values for the monitored one-minute L_{eq} , L_{10} and L_{90} sound levels for Site #1 and Site #2 are presented graphically in a time history format in Figures 1.1 to 1.4 and Figures 2.1 to 2.4 in Appendix B. The one-minute L_{eq} values were used to calculate daytime, nighttime and overall L_{eq} values for each measurement location. The daytime and nighttime periods are the same as those specified by the AEUB.

The measured noise levels for each measurement location are presented in Table 2.

Table 2 - Noise Measurements at Two Receivers Located at 1500 metres

Date	Daytime/	Measured S	ound Level	Residual Sound Level	
(2002)	Nighttime	Leq (dBA)	Hours	Leq (dBA)	Hours
Site 1 1500	NNW of Future S	Satellite Site		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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Table 2 shows that Paramount's current post-construction facility operation sound levels at 1500 metres from the future satellite site and central facility are well within the target nighttime L_{eq} of 40 dBA.

Discussion of Results

Through the use of activity logs provided by Paramount, many of the noise spikes were found to be sounds generated by helicopters, facility operators on all-terrain vehicles and visits from PAAE staff. The Measured Sound Levels in Table 2 are the resulting sound levels after noise generated by PAAE staff have been removed. The Residual Sound Levels listed in Table 2 are the resulting sound levels after noise from helicopters, all-terrain vehicles and PAAE staff have been removed and are more indicative of the sound produced by only the facility. Figures 1.1 Isolated to 1.4 Isolated and Figures 2.1 Isolated to 2.4 Isolated in Appendix B present the time history for the measurement with extraneous events removed.

Comparing the comprehensive noise level with the ambient noise level measured in a previous study (PAAE file 2002-1270), the current noise level is approximately 1.0 dBA and 1.2 dBA greater than the ambient pre-construction noise level at Site #1 and Site #2 respectively. (Note: a change of 3 dB is barely perceptible by a human with normal hearing under field conditions)

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Conclusion

The results of this assessment indicate that the current post-construction noise levels at 1500 metres from the central facility and future satellite site are well within the nighttime Leq target set by Paramount Resources Ltd. of 40 dBA.

APPENDIX A

Explanation of Technical Details Regarding Sound Measurement and Analysis

Technical Details

Sound is the phenomena of vibrations transmitted through air, or other medium such as water or a building structure. The range of pressure amplitudes, intensities, and frequencies of the sound energy is very wide, and many specialized fields have developed using different ranges of these variables, such as room acoustics and medical ultrasound.

Due to the wide range of intensities, which are perceived as sound, standard engineering units become inconvenient. Sound levels are commonly measured on a logarithmic scale, with the level (in decibels, or dB) being proportional to ten times the common logarithm of the sound energy or intensity. Normal human hearing covers a range of about twelve to fourteen orders of magnitude in energy, from the threshold of hearing to the threshold of pain. On the decibel scale, the threshold of hearing is set as zero, written as 0 dB, while the threshold of pain varies between 120 to 140 dB. The most usual measure of sound is the sound pressure level (SPL), with 0 dB SPL set at 2.0 X 10^{-5} N/m² (also written $20 \,\mu$ Pa), which corresponds to a sound intensity of 10^{-12} Watts/m² (or 1 picoWatt per square metre, written 1 pW/m²).

Normal human hearing spans a frequency range from about 20 Hertz (Hz, or cycles per second) to about 20,000 Hz (written 20 KHz). However, the sensitivity of human hearing is not the same at all frequencies. To accommodate the variation in sensitivity, various frequency-weighting scales have been developed. The most common is the A-weighting scale, which is based on the sensitivity of human hearing at moderate levels; this scale reflects the low sensitivity to sounds of very high or very low frequencies. Sound levels measured on the A-weighted scale are written in A-weighted decibels, commonly shown as dBA or dB(A).

When sound is measured using the A-weighting scale, the reading is often called the "Noise level", to confirm that human sensitivity and reactions are being addressed. A table of some common noise sources and their associated noise levels are shown in Table A1.

When the A-weighting scale is <u>not</u> used, the measurement is said to have a "linear" weighting, or to be unweighted, and may be called a "linear" level. As the linear reading is an accurate measurement of the physical (sound) pressure, the term "Sound Pressure Level", or SPL, is usually (but not universally) reserved for unweighted measurements.

Noise is usually defined as "unwanted sound", which indicates that it is not just the physical sound that is important, but also the human reaction to the sound that leads to the perception of sound as noise. It implies a judgment of the quality or quantity of sound experienced. As a human reaction to sound is involved, noise levels are usually given in A-weighted decibels (dBA). An alternate definition of noise is "sound made by somebody else", which emphasizes that the ability to control the level of the sound alters the perception of noise.

Table A1- Noise Levels of Familiar Sources

Source Or Environment	Noise Level (dBA)
High Pressure Steam Venting To Atmosphere (3m)	121
Steam Boiler (2m)	90-95
Drilling Rig (10m)	80-90
Pneumatic Drill (15m)	85
Pump Jack (10m)	68-72
Truck (15m)	65-70
Business Office	65
Conversational Speech (1m)	60
Light Auto Traffic (30m)	50
Living Room	40
Library	35
Soft Whisper (5m)	20-35

The single number A-weighted level is often inadequate for engineering purposes, although it does supply a good estimate of people's reaction to a noise environment. As noise sources, control measures, and materials differ in the frequency dependence of their noise responses or production, sound is measured with a narrower frequency bandwidth; the specific methodology varies with the application. For most work, the acoustic frequency range is divided into frequency bands where the centre frequency of each band is twice the frequency of the next lower band; these are called "Octave" bands, as their frequency relation is called an "Octave" in music, where the field of acoustics has its roots. For more detailed work, the octave bands, and certain standard octave and 1/3 octave bands have been specified by international agreements.

Where the noise at the receiver is steady, it is easy to assess the noise level. However, both the production of noise at the source and the transmission of noise can vary with time; most noise levels are not constant, either because of the motion of the noise source (as in traffic noise), because the noise source itself varies, or because the transmission of sound to the receiver location is not steady as over long distances. This is almost always the case for environmental noise studies. Several single number descriptors have been developed and are used to assess noise in these conditions.

The most common is the measurement of the "equivalent continuous" sound level, or $L_{\rm eq}$, which is the level of a hypothetical source of a constant level which would give the same total sound energy as is measured during the sampling period. This is the "energy" average noise level. Typical sampling periods are one hour, nighttime (9 hours) or one day (24 hours); the sampling period used must be reported when using this unit.

The greatest value of the L_{eq} is that the contributions of different sources to the total noise level can be assessed, or in a case where a new noise source is to be added to an existing environment, the total noise level from new and old sources can be easily calculated. It is also sensitive to short term high noise levels.

Statistical noise levels are sometimes used to assess an unsteady noise environment. They indicate the levels that are exceeded a fixed percentage of the measurement time period measured. For example, the 10%-ile level, written L_{10} , is the levels exceeded 10% of the time; this level is a good measure of frequent noisy occurrences such as steady road traffic. The 90% level, L_{90} , is the level exceeded 90% of the time, and is the background level, or noise floor. A steady noise source will modify the background level, while an intermittent noise source such as road or rail traffic will affect the short-term levels only.

One disadvantage with the L_{eq} measure, when used alone, is that nearby loud sources (e.g. dogs barking, or birds singing) can confuse the assessment of the situation when it is the noise from a distant plant that is the concern. For this reason, the equivalent level and the statistical levels can be used together to better understand the noise environment. One such indication is the difference between the L_{eq} and the L_{90} levels. A large difference between the L_{eq} and L_{90} , greater than 10 dB, indicates the intrusion of short-term noise events on the general background level. A small difference, less than 5 dB, indicates a very steady noise environment. If the L_{eq} value exceeds the L_{10} value this indicates the presence of significant short-term loud events.

APPENDIX B

Measurement Results

Graphs of 1-Minute Leq, L10 and L90 Data

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Monitoring Equipment Data

Project Name Facility Location Paramount Resources Ltd.

Cameron Hills N.W.T. **Facility LSD** File Number 2002-1270B

Start Date Consultant Measurements

13-Apr-02 NM

Consultant Tape Review

Computer File Location/Residence 2236-2 Paramount Site1.xls

GPS Coordinates (UTM) Microphone Placement

Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site 6659021N / 11 470884E 1.5 m above ground

Sound Level Meter (Outdoor) Microphone

Meter Calibration Date Outdoor Microphone Kit Sound Level Meter

Microphone **Meter Calibration Date Outdoor Microphone Kit** Bruel & Kjaer 2236 Bruel & Kjaer 4188

Bruel & Kjaer UA1404 Bruel & Kjaer Bruel & Kjaer 4188

Bruel & Kjaer UA1404

Calibrator **Calibrator Calibration Date** Bruel & Kjaer 4231

1 - 2173781	2 - 2015449	3 - 1799377	4 - 1799382	5 - 1911156
2143086	2140862	189184	1803167	2121009
February 22/02	Sept 05/01	Mar 10/00	July 10/01	Jun 16/00
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2236-2100873-D	2236-1764289-D	2260-2311741	2260-2027582	2238-2163499
1765148	1795138	4189-2305533	1931041	2143085
Jul 31/00	Oct 24/02	June 29/01	Apr 20/01	July 09/01
No	No	No	No	No

2122824 1800168 2052131 2175822 Oct 24/01 Aug 04/01 Jan 17/02 Sept 05/01 B&K 4220 285153 Oct 4/00

Field Calibration Level

Start

93.7

dBA

Stop

93.7

dBA

VCR

Unit/Make	1 Mitsubishi	5 JVC	6 JVC	7 JVC	•
Model	HS-U55C	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U	
Serial No	5500271	122E0459	122E0468	122E0443	·
Unit/Make	10 JVC	11 JVC	12 JVC	13 JVC	14 JVC
Model	Optimus	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U
Serial No	F8SK40354	153E0121	153E0126	153E0139	153E0703

Temperature (Deg C)

Humidity (%)

Windspeed

Clock Synchronization:

GPS

SLM

VCR Field Calibration Level

Tape / Time

dBA 20 - 100

Battery Level (v)

Tape	Start Date	Start Time	Stop Time	Reading (dB)
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Notes:

Equipment used in this survey have been bolded and shaded above.

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Table 1.1 Paramount Resources Ltd. Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site Daily Leg Values

Date	Time	Measured		Residual	
Date	inite	Leq	Leq Hours		Hours
Apr. 13, 2002	07:00 - 21:59	31.0	10.5	20.3	10.3
Apr. 13, 2002 - Apr. 14, 2002	22:00 - 06:59	21.0	9.0	21.0	9.0
Apr. 14, 2002	07:00 - 21:59	31.9	4.2	23.6	4.1
Apr 14, 2002 - Apr 15, 2002	22:00 - 06:59				
Apr. 15, 2002	07:00 - 21:59		,		
Overall Leq		29.5	23.7	21.4	23.4

Notes:

Due to the measurement range limitations of the sound level meter (between 20 and 100 dBA), all underrange entries were replaced with 19.9 dBA in order to calculate an approximate sound level for the environment.

The Measured Leq describes the sound level without the influence of PAAE setup staff only (i.e. PAAE support helicopter).

The Residual Leq describes the sound level without the influence of helicopters and all-terrain vehicles used by Paramount and PAAE setup staff.

69.3% of the total measurement period was under 20 dBA. 24.6% of the measurement was between 20.0 and 24.9 dBA. 6.1% of the measurement period was above 25.0 dBA.

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Table 1.2 Paramount Resources Ltd. Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site Hourly Leq Values

Date	13-Ap	or-02	14-Ar	or-02	15-Ap	r-02
Start Time	Comprehensive Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Residual Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Comprehensive Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Residual Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Comprehensive Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Residual Sound Level (dBA Leq)
0:00			19.9	19.9		
1:00			19.9	19.9		
2:00		•	19.9	19.9		
3:00			19.9	19.9		
4:00			19.9	19.9		
5:00			21.6	21.6	l'	
6:00			24.4	24.4		
7:00			24.1	24.1		
8:00			24.3	24.3		
9:00			26.7	23.3		
10:00		.,	37.3	21.2		•
11:00	22.2	20.2	25.7	25.7	. 🖣	
12:00	32.1	21.5				
13:00	37.1	19.9			1	
14:00	20.0	20.0	'			
15:00	19.9	19.9	'			
16:00	20.1	20.1		·		
17:00	20.2	20.2				
18:00	37.6	19.9				
19:00	19.9	19.9				
20:00	20.5	20.5				
21:00	20.7	20.7				
22:00	20.7	20.7	!			
23:00	20.0	20.0	<u> </u>			

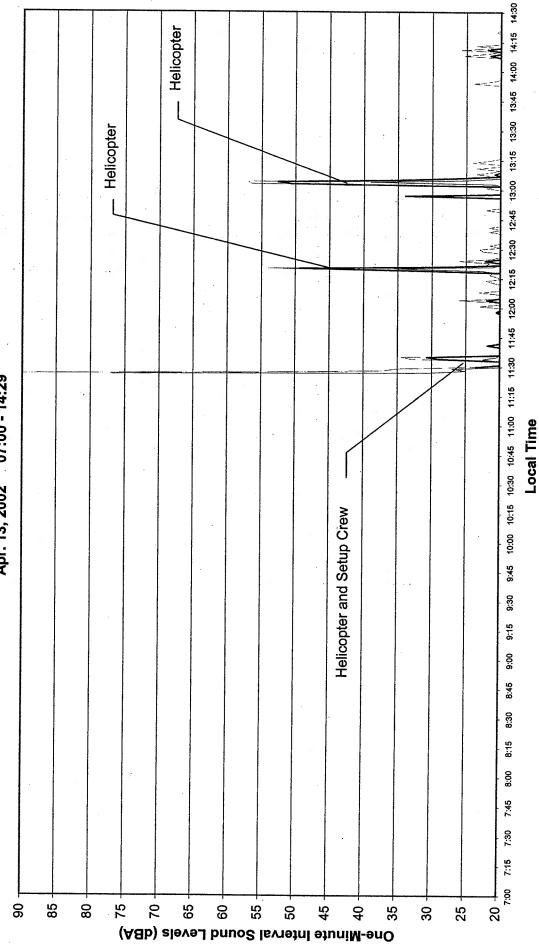
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__L10

Figure 1.1
Paramount Resources Ltd.

Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site Apr. 13, 2002 07:00 - 14:29

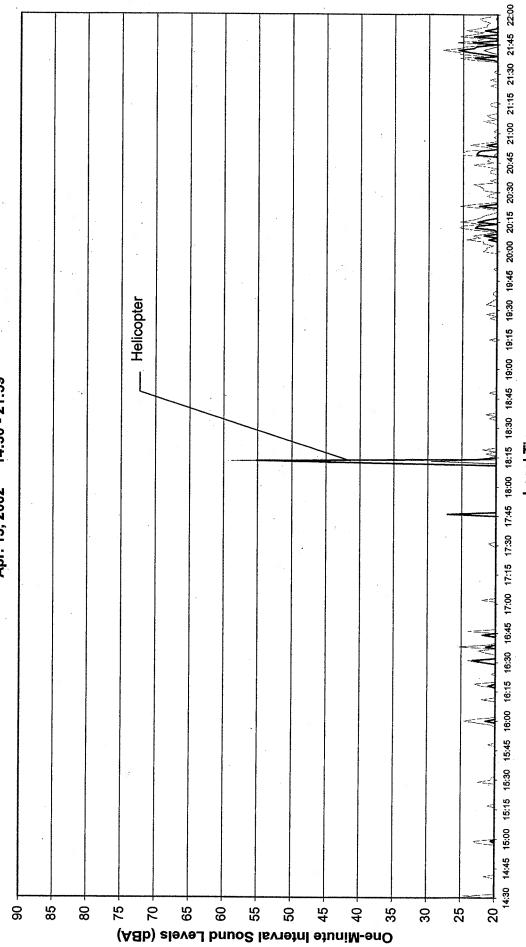


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Paramount Resources Ltd. Figure 1.2

Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site





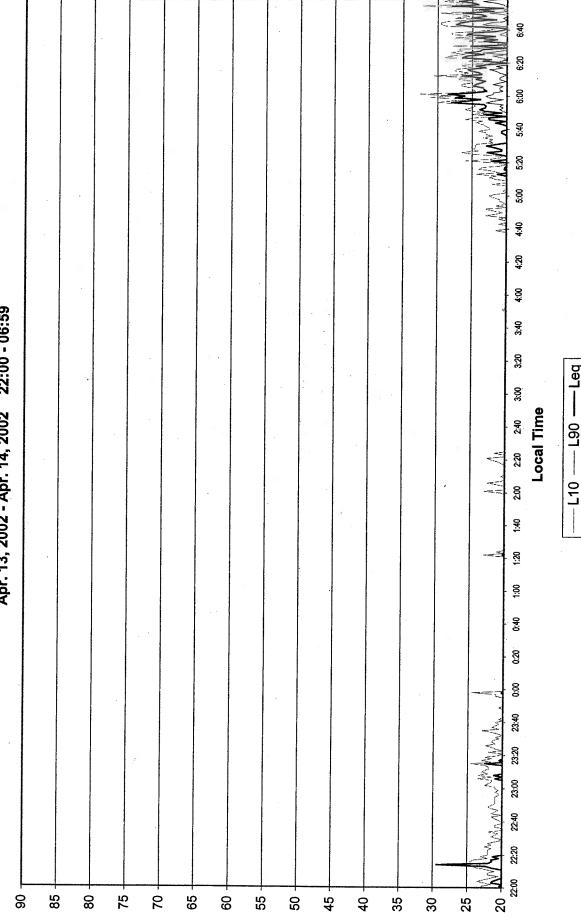
Local Time

-L10 --- L90

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Figure 1.3 Paramount Resources Ltd.

Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site Apr. 13, 2002 - Apr. 14, 2002 22:00 - 06:59

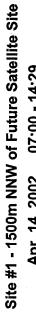


One-Minute Interval Sound Levels (dBA)

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-L10 --- L90 --- Leq

Figure 1.4
Paramount Resources Ltd.



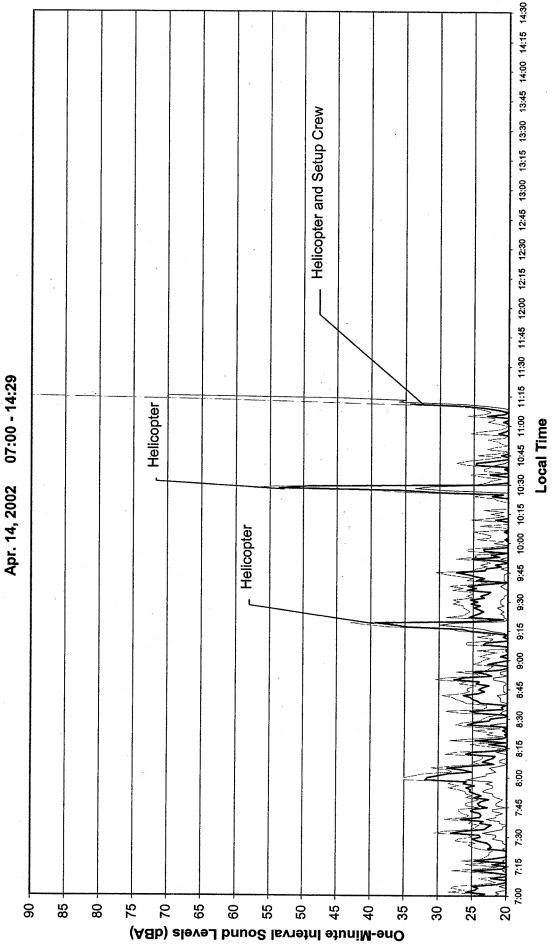
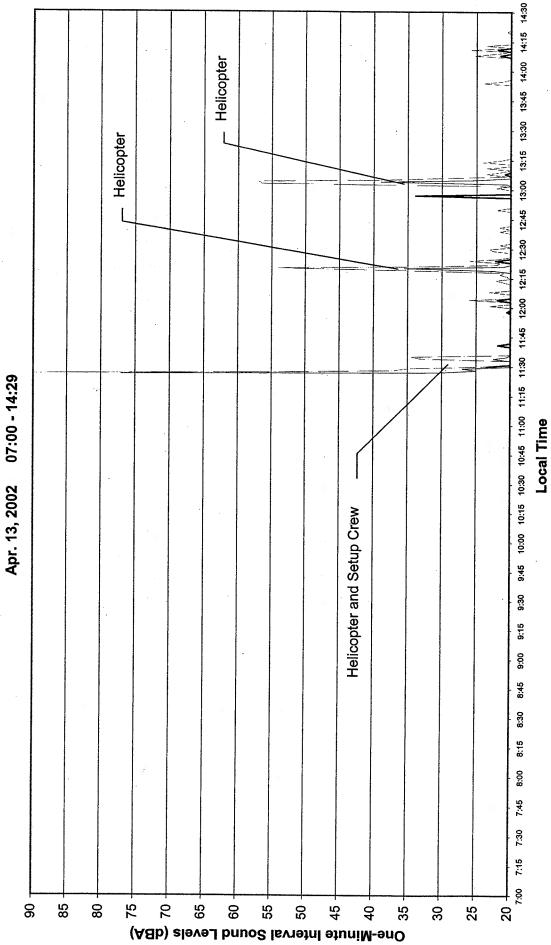


Figure 1.1 Isolated Paramount Resources Ltd.

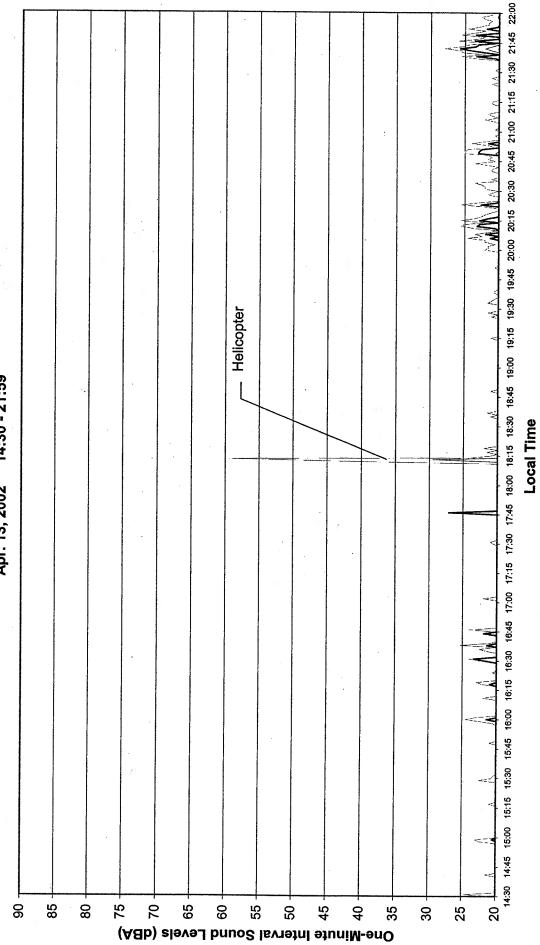
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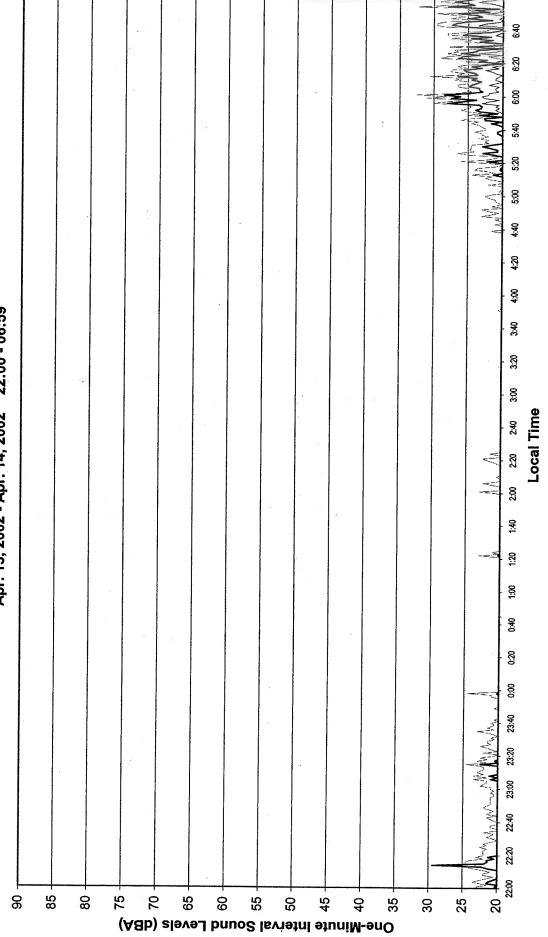
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Figure 1.3 Isolated Paramount Resources Ltd.

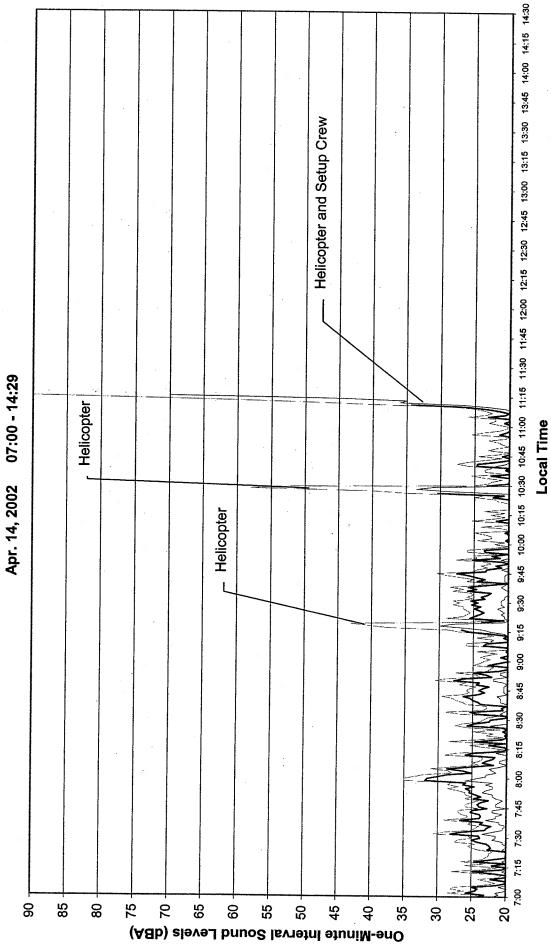
Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site Apr. 13, 2002 - Apr. 14, 2002 22:00 - 06:59



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Site #1 - 1500m NNW of Future Satellite Site



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Monitoring Equipment Data

Project Name Facility Location Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills N.W.T.

Facility LSD File Number

2002-1270B

Start Date Consultant Measurements

13-Apr-02 MM

Consultant Tape Review

Computer File Location/Residence

2236-2 Paramount Site2.xls Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility

GPS Coordinates (UTM) Microphone Placement

6654227N / 11 472066E 1.5 m above ground

Sound Level Meter (Outdoor)

Microphone

Calibrator

Meter Calibration Date Outdoor Microphone Kit Sound Level Meter

Microphone Meter Calibration Date **Outdoor Microphone Kit**

Calibrator Calibration Date

Bruel & Kjaer 2236 Bruel & Kjaer 4188

Bruel & Kjaer UA1404 Bruel & Kjaer Bruel & Kjaer 4188

Bruel & Kjaer UA1404

Bruel & Kjaer 4231

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2143086	2140862	189184	1803167	2121009
1 - 2173781	2 - 2015449	3 - 1799377	4 - 1799382	5 - 1911156

B&K 4220 285153 Oct 4/00

Field Calibration Level

Start

93.8

dBA

2122824

Aug 04/01

Stop

1800168 Oct 24/01

93.8

2052131

Jan 17/02

dBA

2175822

Sept 05/01

VCR

Unit/Make Model Serial No	HS-U55C	5 JVC HR-DD840U 122E0459	6 JVC HR-DD840U 122E0468	7 JVC HR-DD840U 122E0443	
Unit/Make		11 JVC	12 JVC	13 JVC	14 JVC
Model	Optimus	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U	HR-DD840U
Serial No	F8SK40354	153E0121	153E0126	153E0139	153E0703

Temperature (Deg C)

Humidity (%)

Windspeed

Clock Synchronization:

GPS

SLM

VCR Field Calibration Level

Tape / Time

dBA 20 - 100

Battery Level (v)

Tape	Start Date	Start Time	Stop Time	Reading (dB)	
1			· ·	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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3					
4		·····			
5					
6		7.			

Notes:

Equipment used in this survey have been bolded and shaded above.

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Table 2.1 Paramount Resources Ltd. Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility Daily Leq Values

Date	Time - 07:00 - 21:59 22:00 - 06:59 07:00 - 21:59 22:00 - 06:59 07:00 - 21:59	Measured		Residual	
		Leq	Hours	Leg	Hours
Apr. 13, 2002 Apr. 13, 2002 - Apr. 14, 2002 Apr. 14, 2002 Apr 14, 2002 - Apr 15, 2002 Apr. 15, 2002		40.0 24.6 37.9	10.4 9.0 4.3	24.9 24.6 26.4	10.1 9.0 4.0
Overall Leq	37.5	23.7	25.1	23.2	

Note:

The Measured Leq describes the sound level without the influence of PAAE setup staff only (i.e. PAAE support helicopter).

The Residual Leq describes the sound level without the influence of helicopters and all-terrain vehicles used by Paramount and PAAE setup staff.

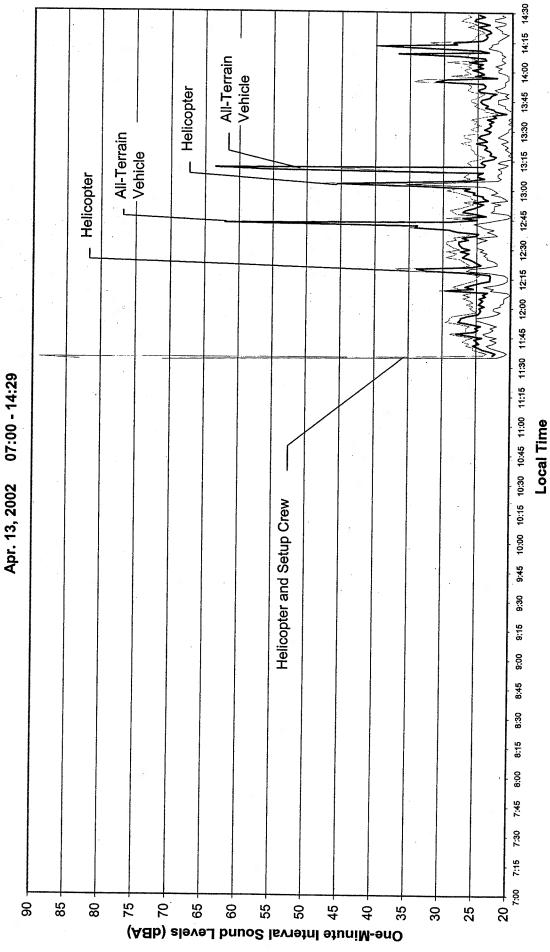
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Table 2.2 Paramount Resources Ltd. Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility Hourly Leq Values

Date 13-A		or-02	14-Apr-02		15-Apr-02	
Start Time	Comprehensive Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Residual Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Comprehensive Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Residual Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Comprehensive Sound Level (dBA Leq)	Residual Sound Level (dBA Leq)
0:00			24.0	24.0		
1:00			23.5	23.5		
2:00			23.7	23.7		
3:00			23.1	23.1		
4:00			23.9	23.9		
5:00			25.0	25.0		
6:00			28.0	28.0		
7:00			27.4	26.7		
8:00			26.3	26.3	i i	
9:00			29.7	26.9		• ·
10:00	1	14	43.8	25.7		
11:00	25.4	25.4	31.6	26.2		
12:00	44.4	25.9				
13:00	46.5	24.5	l	•		
14:00	27.8	27.8				
15:00	42.3	26.0				
16:00	24.4	24.4			Į.	
17:00	41.1	22.9		. 4		
18:00	26.4	22.4)		
19:00	23.8	23.8				
20:00	23.9	23.9		*	_	
21:00	23.9	23.9				
22:00	23.1	23.1				
23:00	24.2	24.2				

Figure 2.1
Paramount Resources Ltd.

Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility Apr. 13, 2002 07:00 - 14:29



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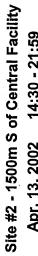
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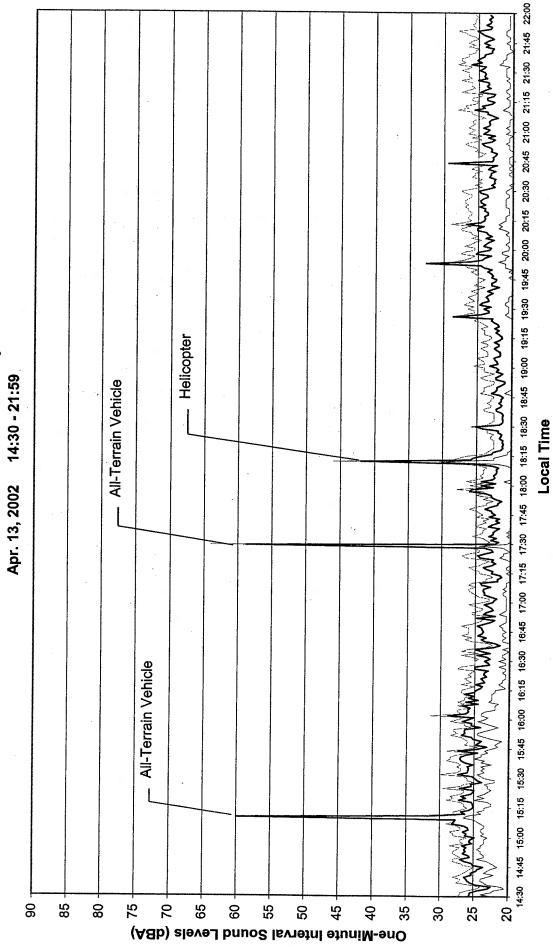
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-- L10 --- L90 --- Leq

Figure 2.2
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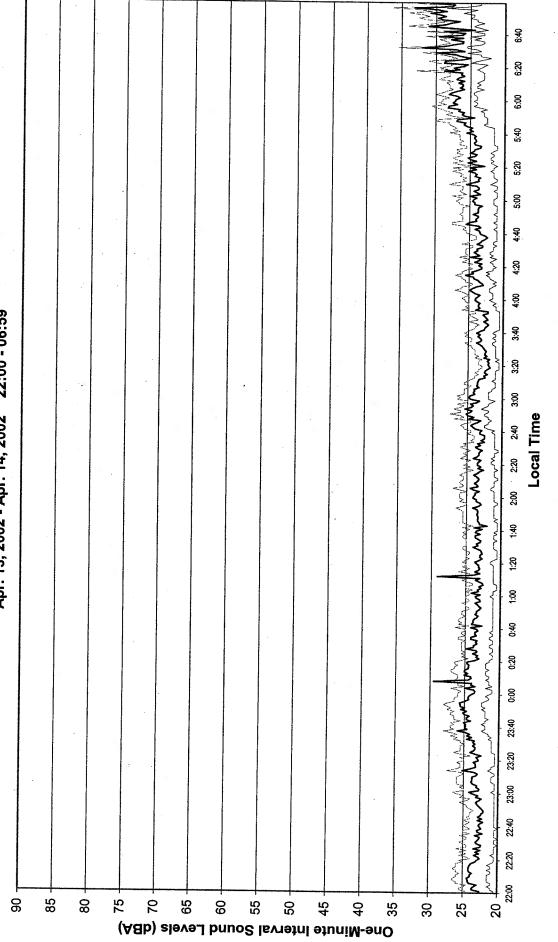




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Figure 2.3
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Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility Apr. 13, 2002 - Apr. 14, 2002 22:00 - 06:59

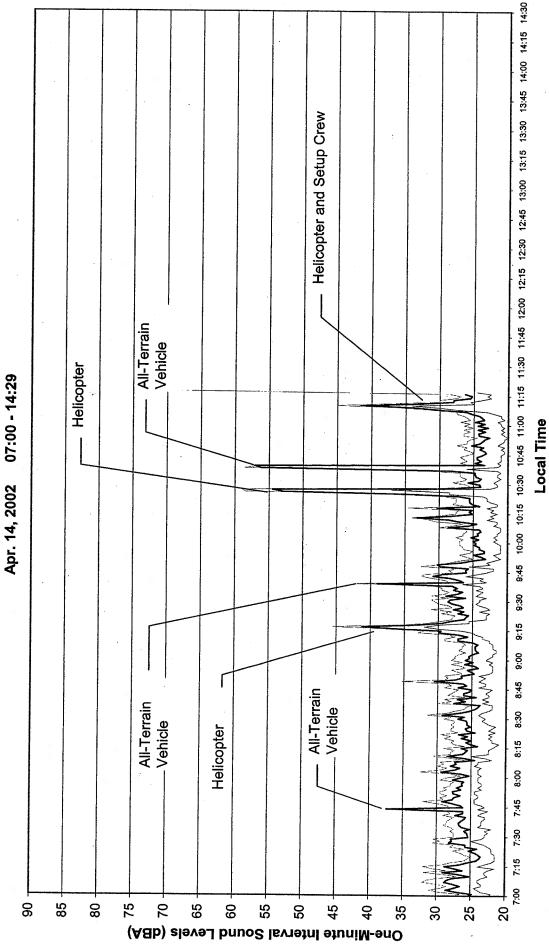


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Paramount Resources Ltd. Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility Figure 2.4

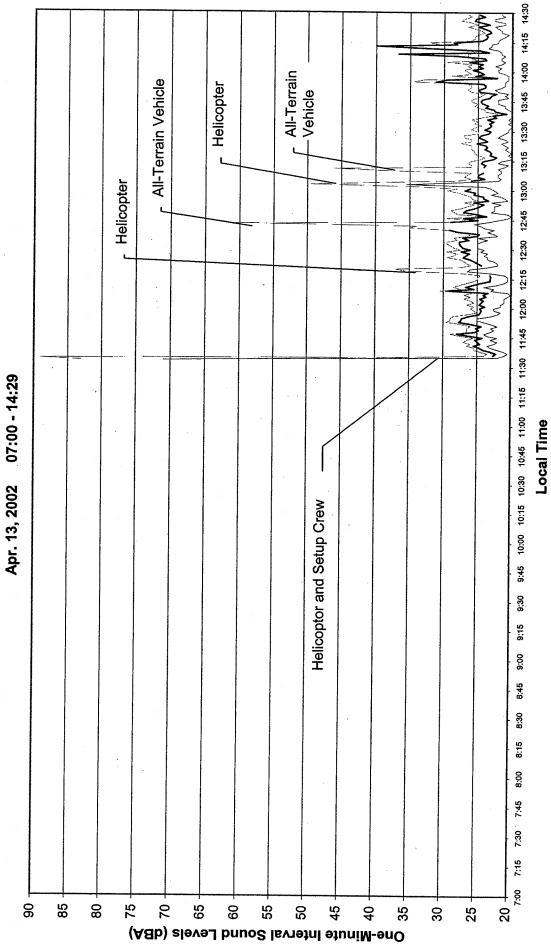


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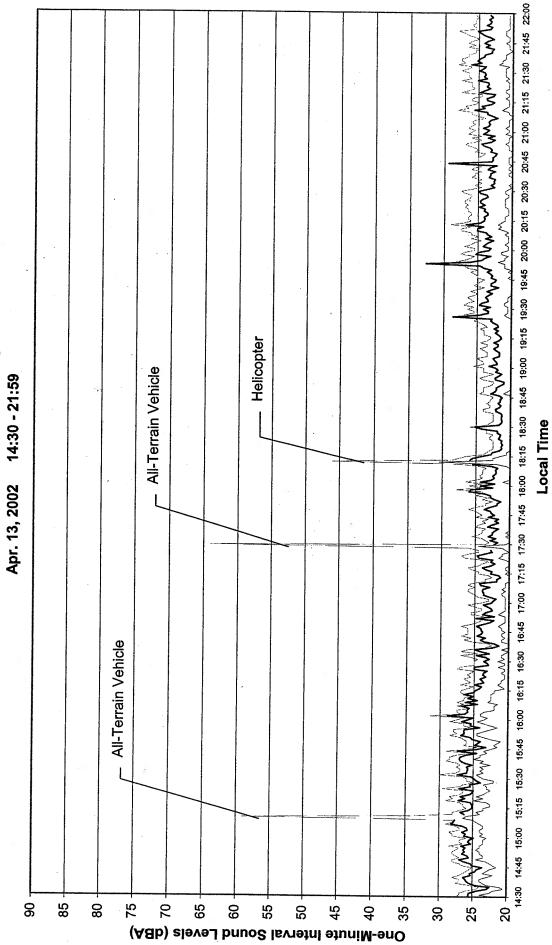


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Figure 2.2 Isolated Paramount Resources Ltd.

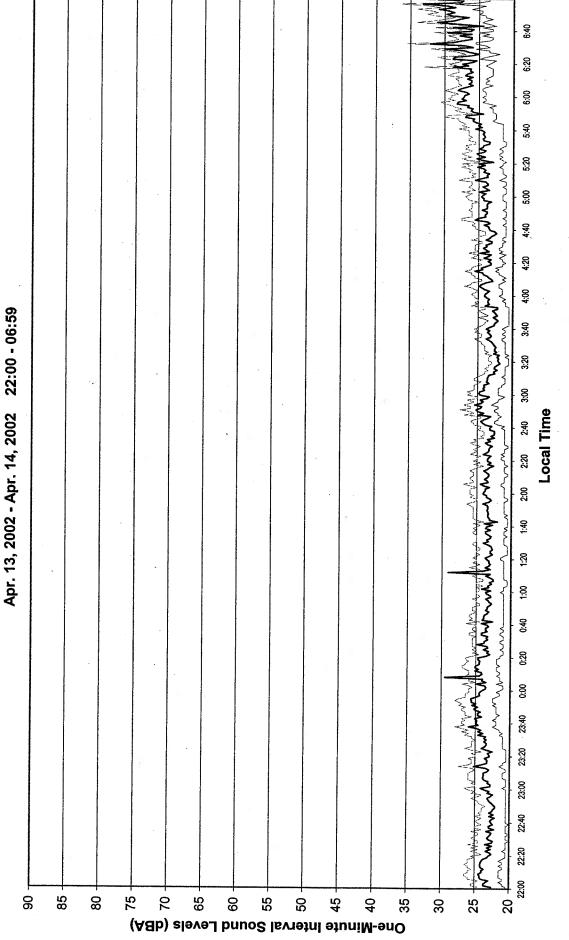
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Figure 2.3 Isolated Paramount Resources Ltd.

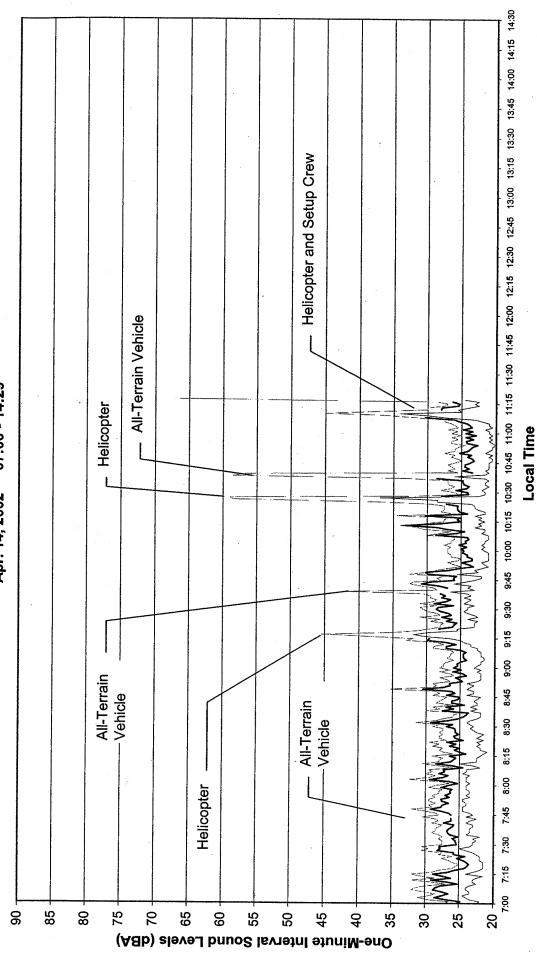
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Figure 2.4 Isolated
Paramount Resources Ltd.

Site #2 - 1500m S of Central Facility Apr. 14, 2002 07:00 - 14:29



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