

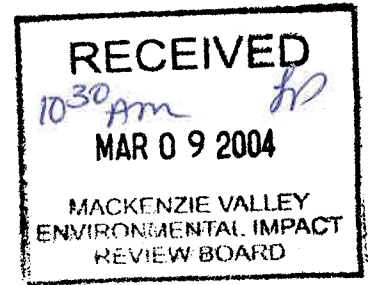
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Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

**Request for s.131(1) Consultation to Modify Report on Environmental Assessment for WesternGeco Ltd.'s Mackenzie and Liard Rivers Seismic Program 2003**

On 12 January 2004 the National Energy Board (NEB) received an email from you indicating that the MVEIRB required more time to consider its approach to our request to consult to modify pursuant to subsection 131(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Is the MVEIRB in a position to discuss a timeframe for this process?

As a tentative suggestion the NEB proposes that the consultation commence in this month. Once a mutually acceptable approach to consultation and a proposed commencement date is selected the NEB will contact Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to finalize a commencement date. Please contact Ms. Mieke Vander Valk at (403) 292-5048 to make arrangements to commence the consultation process.

Yours truly,

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