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Dear Mr. Baker,

Pursuant to your letter dated 19 December 2003, WesternGeco is passing on it's intent with regards to it's proposed Mackenzie/Liard Rivers, NT 2D Seismic Program.

Due to the extensive cost that WesternGeco has already incurred and due to further uncertainties with regards to the regulatory process, WesternGeco regretfully intends to defer this program past 2004. Therefore WesternGeco requests an extension on this application to the end of 2005.

When the program is acquired, WesternGeco would be willing to entertain support of an additional study as recommended in the letter dated from the NEB dated 19 December 2003.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Whidden".

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