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Dehcho First Nation Pipeline Working Group
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Dear Joe:

Re: Response to Dehcho First Nation Pipeline Working Group

It was great to meet with the Dehcho First Nation Pipeline Working Group (DFN PWG) and attend the DFN General Assembly in Kakisa to discuss our Aurora Research Institute License Application (ARI) and ColtKBR's proposed 2004 Summer Reconnaissance Program. I have noted the issues identified and discussed at the meeting. In addition I have also noted the current status of these issues for your information.

PWG Meeting :

- **Issue:**

Dennis Deneron, Chief Sambaa K'e Dene Band (SKDB) indicated that borrow sites 20.003P (pointed mountain), 20.004PA and 20.004PB located immediately east of Trainor Lake were still identified on the maps included with the ARI application and Dennis does not support their inclusion. Dennis indicated that discussions have been ongoing to remove these sites from the winter 2005 geotechnical investigation program. Larry indicated to Dennis that the Aurora application they were reviewing was submitted in March 2004 and that issues raised by the communities since March 2004 have hopefully been dealt with.

- **Status:**

In discussion with MGP (Darrell Becker) it has been clarified that the site 20.003P has been removed from any/all development plans and its inclusion on the map is an oversight. This site will not be visited. It has been further clarified that site 20.004PB has been dropped from development plans and will not be visited. 20.004PA remains a potential granular source and it is understood that the MGP expects to continue dialogue with Sambaa K'e Dene regarding this site.

- **Issue:**

Dennis Deneron and Maria Lafferty, Chief Fort Simpson Metis Local 52 (FSML) observed that the maps contained within the ARI have a significant amount of our study area (areas within blue dotted lines) located in areas they view as culturally significant and they wondered why we have included these areas on the maps. Larry indicated that the blue dotted line areas were original study areas contained in the 2003 Aurora application and that the lines contained in the 2004 application were a composite of the 2003 and 2004 programs.

- **Status:**

It should also be noted that proponents are required to indicate options considered/rejected (ie; route selections) and gathering some data on these alternates is required.

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- **Issue:**

Tim Lennie, Chief Pehdzeh Ki First Nation (PKFN) indicated that the compressor station site planned for the Blackwater River should be moved further away from the river as this area is a traditional hunting and fishing area. He also indicated that the proposed future compressor station planned for the Willowlake River area should also be relocated well away from the river as this area is also a culturally important site. He noted that he does not support the summer reconnaissance program but will not oppose it.

- **Status:**

In discussion with MGP (Darrell Becker), it is understood that PKFN has issues with these proposed sites for development and MGP remains committed to visiting the community to discuss these issues.

I apologize for not getting these notes to you sooner. Could I ask that you distribute copies of this letter to others on your committee, including Chiefs; Dennis Deneron, Maria Lafferty and Tim Lennie?

Thanks. Good meeting you, and I trust we'll see you again soon.

If you have any questions or require further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me in Calgary at (403) 258-8053.

Sincerely,

ColtKBR

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