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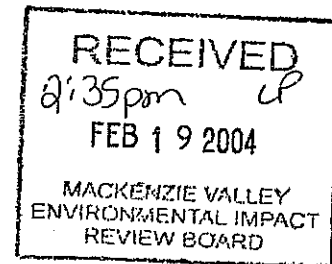
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**Re: Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd, Land Use Permit Application,
MV2003X0045 / Water License Application, MV2003L8-0012**

Vern Christenson,

Fort Simpson Metis Local 52 would like to refer Type A Land Use Permit Application MV2003F0045 and Type B Water License Application MV2003L8-0012 to the MVEIRB for Environmental Assessment, under Section 126 (2c) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

In our opinion:

- The winter work will result in significant adverse environmental impacts to our traditional lands and community.
- There is significant public concern.

Our concerns include, but are not limited to, adverse impacts to water quality, streambeds, fisheries, vegetation, and disruption to local wildlife and wildlife habitat. In addition, many of the locations proposed for geotechnical work are proposed in areas of significant local harvesting and areas of spiritual significance. Our concerns have not been addressed through the consultation process, or through the Preliminary Screening process of the MVLWB. Fort Simpson Metis Local 52 has decided to refer the above development to Environmental Assessment, as these projects require in-depth environmental review in order that the adverse impacts to our lands can be minimized or mitigated.

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