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Subject: Review Board's IR to DoT

Hello Rod,

Please find attached the official information request issued by the Review Board, as discussed in the Ft. Simpson hearing on Dec. 2, 2004. We look forward to your answer as soon as possible.

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**Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Imperial Geotechnical Study Environmental Assessment (EA 03-009)
Information Request**

Dec. 6, 2004

To:	Government of the Northwest Territories
Reference:	DAR Section 5.1, Primary Access Review Board IR 1.4C
Preamble:	<p>Imperial identifies 3 public roads as primary access routes for this project: the Mackenzie Highway, the Mackenzie Highway winter road north of Wrigley and the Trout Lake Winter Road.</p> <p>Imperial states that the primary access winter roads (Mackenzie Highway north of Wrigley and the Trout Lake Winter Road) “will likely require additional maintenance as a result of increased vehicle and equipment costs.”</p> <p>The Mackenzie Highway and the two winter roads are constructed and maintained by the GNWT’s Department of Transportation.</p>
Request:	<p>Please provide the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Describe and provide any agreements between Imperial Oil and the GNWT regarding the construction, use, upgrading and/or maintenance of the Mackenzie Highway and the 2 winter roads due to this project.b) Describe the upgrades and maintenance expected for each of these 3 access routes, including associated costs, due to this project. For the Trout Lake Winter Road, please specifically address the SKDB’s recommendations that the road should:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be widened in some places;• Be upgraded from snow base to ice base; and• Have temporary bridges installed over water crossings.<p>In discussing the upgrading from snow base to ice base, please comment on the requirement for and availability of water to complete this task.</p>c) Discuss how the forest fire this summer could impact the construction and maintenance of the Trout Lake Winter Road.

- d) Discuss how increased construction and maintenance costs for the Trout Lake Winter Road will impact the Sambaa K'e Development Corporation given that it has a fixed value contract with the GNWT for the construction and maintenance of the road.
- e) Identify any unrecoverable costs (including construction, operation, maintenance and closure costs) to the GNWT as a result of the increased use and maintenance of each of these 3 roads.
- f) Will any additional costs to DoT arising as a result of the geotechnical program cause any reduction in spending on roads or other transportation infrastructure in the Dehcho? If yes, please provide details.
- g) Provide any other information or analysis that the GNWT considers relevant in assessing the impacts of this project on public roadways.