



**Mackenzie Valley**  
Environmental Impact  
Review Board

**IN THE MATTER OF:** A Request for Ruling on the Timing of  
Written Argument by the Dehghah Alliance  
Society;  
**AND IN THE MATTER OF:** The Mackenzie Valley Environmental  
Impact Review Board's Environmental  
Assessment of the Imperial Oil Resource  
Ventures Ltd. Winter Geotechnical Program

**RULING BY THE REVIEW BOARD**

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board hearing in Fort Simpson, the Dehghah Alliance Society (DAS) made application to the Review Board for a Ruling on the following matters:

1. Permission to file a written closing statement after the end of the hearing;
2. Permission to include in their closing statement a response to a Heritage Resources Report filed by Imperial Oil Resource Ventures Ltd.; and
3. Permission to file written English transcripts of the statements made by elders to the Review Board at community hearings in Sambaa K'e and Pehdzeh Ki.

The Review Board heard from Counsel for Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Ltd. (IORVL) indicating that the company took no position on the Request. No other parties addressed the Request.

**DECISION**

The Review Board approves the DAS Request on the following terms:

1. The written and translated transcripts of elders' statements may be filed at the same time as the DAS closing statement.
2. The DAS may respond to the Heritage Resource Report in its closing statement.
3. The elders' statements and response to the Heritage Resource Report are the only new material which will be allowed in the DAS closing statement.
4. The Review Board encourages Mr. Acorn, representative of the DAS, to discuss his closing statement with Counsel for IORVL to

ensure that there are no further issues raised about new evidence in the DAS closing.

5. The DAS shall file its closing argument with the Review Board with a copy to IORVL Counsel at the same time, no later than 5:00 pm (MST) December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
6. IORVL may file a reply to the DAS and its closing statement no later than 12:00 pm (noon) (MST) Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004 with a copy to DGAS.
7. The public record in this proceeding closes at 12:00 (noon) (MST) December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The Review Board thanks the parties for their submissions and cooperation in this matter.

**ISSUED FOR THE MVEIRB**

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**BY: Ms. Gabrielle Mackenzie Scott, Vice Chairperson**

**DATED: the 6th of December, 2004.**