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November 20, 2000

File: MV2000A0041
MV2000L1-0009

Mrs. Heidi Klein, Executive Director
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Dear Mrs. Klein:

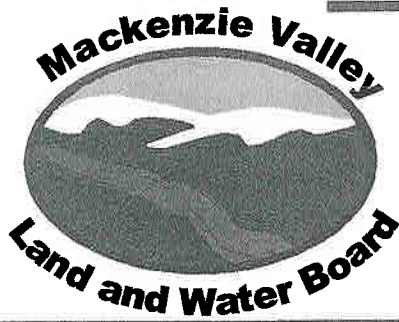
Paramount Resources Ltd.
MV2000A0041, MV2000L1-0009
Oil and Gas Exploration, Cameron Hills Area NT

This letter is to inform you that the above development proposal has been referred to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board for an environmental assessment pursuant to Sub-Section 125(1)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. Please refer to the attached reasons for decision.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Ken Weagle".

Ken Weagle
Executive Director



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REASONS FOR DECISION

Preliminary Screener:	MVLWB SMP
Reference/File Number:	MV2000A0041 MV2000L1-0009
Organization:	<u>Paramount Resources Ltd.</u>
Project	Cameron Hills Oil and Gas Drilling

DECISION From Panel Meeting of 9 November 2000

REASONS FOR DECISION

On November 9, 2000, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) referred the above development proposal to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for environmental assessment. The MVLWB expressed concerns specifically related to environmental issues pertaining to flaring and venting operations that might potentially occur as a result of the above oil and gas development proposal. The specific reasons used by the MVLWB to reach this referral decision are outlined below:

- Exact quantities of H₂S and SO₂ that would be released into the environment as a result of incomplete combustion or venting of gases from this development proposal are unknown.
- The potential for deposition of waste from noncombusted gases released from flaring/venting operations in relation to the project area and proposed operations were not documented.
- The scope of the proposed development did not document when flaring or venting would be required and with what frequency.
- The application did not outline what the maximum allowable limits of H₂S and SO₂ emissions would be as a result of flaring activities.
- Levels of all other contaminants that can be released into and potentially contaminate the environment from project flaring or venting operations are unknown.

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The reason identified were the concerns brought up by Panel members and not by the review of the application by affected and /or interested stakeholders.

With the level of uncertainty on the above items, the South Mackenzie Panel of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board concluded the application activities "***might have a significant environmental impact***" and, therefore, refers the application to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for an Environmental Assessment under Sub-Section 125(1)(a) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
Preliminary Screening Organization



Interim Chair

November 20, 2000.
Date