

Northwest Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development December 6, 2000

Ms. Heidi Klein Executive Director Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board BOX 938 YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N7

Dear Ms. Klein:

<u>Environmental Assessment of Paramount Resources Ltd. MV2000A0041 and MV2000L1-0009, Cameron Hills Exploratory Drilling Program</u>

Thank you for your letter of November 29, 2000 requesting notification of the Government of the Northwest Territories' (GNWT) intent to participate in the environmental assessment process for the above noted project.

For this environmental assessment, the GNWT will participate as an "Expert Advisor" as defined in your letter. While the GNWT does not have any regulatory responsibilities with respect to the proposed project, we would like to provide our relevant expertise in support of the environmental assessment process. The Minister of Resources, Wildlife, and Economic Development also wishes to be recognized as a responsible minister as defined in s.111 of the MVRMA for this environmental assessment in light of the Departmental mandate for the management of wildlife and forestry.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this environmental assessment. Please ensure all future correspondence related to this assessment is directed to me.

Sincerely.

Kathryn Emmett

Director

Policy, Legislation and Communications

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Environmental Assessment Officer

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