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Regulatory Officer  
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board  
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Dear Mr. Lennie-Misgeld:

**Re: Land Use Permit Application  
Paramount Resources Ltd. MV2000A0041  
Oil and Gas Exploration, Cameron Hills Area NT.**

The K'atlodeeche First Nation Dene Council has concerns with the Land Use Permit Application and Water Licence, we would like to request that the MVLWB refer the Land Use Permit and Water Licence Application to the MVERWB for further review and consultation.

However, if the operation does go ahead the Band would like to see the following conditions addressed. Following conditions:

1. The Company should hire a liaison officer from the Band to provide information and deal with potential impacts on traditional resource users.
2. Paramount should have a Compensation Agreement to deal with impacts on traditional resource users.
3. The Company will ensure that no trappers are operating along the access roads and that they are informed when cut-lines are used for access. This would be a duty for the liaison officer.
4. Paramount must provide compensation to trappers that are impacted by this operation, in accordance with the Compensation Agreement.
5. Clean up equipment should be on site to deal with potential spills.
6. The Band should have more input into requirements for the environmental screening report for the next phase of this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING REPORT  
FOR THE  
CAMERON HILLS DRILLING PROJECT

COMMENTS

General

The report provides general background information on the project and the physical environment of the Cameron Hills. Most of the information is through a literature review with a limited field program.

Traditional Knowledge( sec. 4.11)

The report acknowledges the importance of Traditional Knowledge but has limited information on the subject. There is minimal information on traditional use or traditional resource users. The report makes reference to Traditional Resource studies but provides no information on these studies.

Socio-economic Overview( sec. 4.12)

This section provides minimal information on potential impacts, other than they will be minimized. There is no reference to compensation to traditional resource users or to a Compensation Agreement, as required under the "NWT Compensation Policy". The company should be prepared to go beyond the requirements of this policy.

There is very little information provided on economic benefits other than "Paramount is committed". The company should be more than just committed and should act on this commitment. It is often not possible for northern businesses to compete with larger companies in the south. As such, Paramount should be prepared to pay a little more to obtain these services in the North.

Mitigation Specific to the Project Elements( Sec. 6.0)

Section 6.1

Cutlines are often used as traplines by traditional resource users. There needs to be some liaison with these users to ensure traps are not destroyed. This is consistent with the "NWT Compensation Policy". There should be some consideration to hiring a liaison officer from the Band.

Cleanup, Reclamation, Disposal and Abandonment( Sec. 9.0)

Section 9.2

Woody debris from borrow pits should be piled and burned as with other sites. The woody debris should be separated from organic material and top soil so that this material can be spread over the site after abandonment. Burning woody debris will release nutrients and help promote natural revegetation

Section 9.3

Just because seed isn't available in commercial quantities is not an excuse for not using it. Natural seed should be collected for revegetation, and future activities associated the development of the field.