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Attn: Shirley Maaskant, Regulatory & Community Affairs Coordinator

Dear Ms. Maaskant:

During its meeting on December 8, 2000, the Mackenzie Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) approved the following actions and instructions to the Review Board staff:

- 1. The Environmental Screening Report for the Cameron Hills Drilling Project, which was submitted by Paramount Resources Ltd. to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) in support of its water license and land use permit applications, will be accepted by the Review Board as the Environmental Assessment (EA) report for this project.
- 2. Review Board staff are to prepare a draft work plan and draft terms of reference (ToR) based on the acceptance of Item #1. These draft documents are to be distributed to regulators, government, First Nations, the public and other interested parties for feed-back on this approach.
- 3. Flaring and venting issues should be prominently addressed in the ToR and EA report. As the environmental screening report is insufficient in the area of flaring and venting issues, use an Information Request (IR) to get the developer (Paramount) to provide more extensive and detailed information to conform with the ToR.
- 4. Advise the developer to continue to closely consult and inform the affected communities to mitigate socio-economic and traditional land use impacts.
- 5. Advise the developer that a much more detailed and extensive socio-economic study will be required for the EA of the potential gathering facilities and pipeline project.
- 6. Advise the developer that for the EA of the potential gathering facilities and pipeline project, the cumulative impacts assessment regional study area should be expanded to include the forestry activities on the Cameron Hills' east and north slopes and the Significant Discovery License (SDL) held by Amoco in the Cameron Hills.

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Sincerely,

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