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From:

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Sent: To: September 20, 2004 2:45 PM 'Edna Tobac, Land Technician'

Subject:

Northrock Resources Request for Amendment S02A-004

#### Dear Edna:

Thank you very much for bringing Northrock's request to have Land Use Permit S02A-004, which was subject to an Environmental Assessment (EA03-001), amended or modified to the MVEIRB's attention. Further to our telephone conversation earlier today, please consider the following in your decision whether to approve an amendment.

### 1. Scope of Development:

The development description submitted for the Environmental Assessment of the Summit Creek B-44 well did not include an airstrip. Consequently, possible impacts from the construction and operation of an airstrip were not included in the Environmental Assessment.

## 2. Draft Land Use Plan Designation:

The Review Board's Report of Assessment included the following recommendation: "The Review Board recommends that the Sahtu Land and Water Board ensure that the Land Use Permit or the Water Licence contains provisions to protect the values that resulted in the Keele River area and the Mountain Dene Trail being identified as conservation areas in the preliminary draft Sahtu Land Use Plan." The proposed air strip appears to be well within the proposed Keele River conservation area.

#### 3. Archeological Survey:

The MVEIRB further recommended that "the Sahtu Land and Water Board ensure that the Land Use Permit requires the developer to

- (a) have a qualified archaeologist and a knowledgeable community member jointly survey the access route while it is free of snow; and
- (b) submit a plan satisfactory to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre for avoiding damage to any sites identified along the route. before land based activities can proceed."

The MVEIRB would expect that any additional land required in the land use operation is subject to the same condition.

## 4. Public Consultation

The MVEIRB's Report of Assessment also recommended "that the Sahtu Land and Water Board review the conditions of the Land Use Permit and the Water Licence for the proposed development directly with the community of Tulita."

I trust you will find above helpful in your deliberations. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at any time by replying to this e-mail or at (867)766-7053.

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