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Subject: Response From Alberta Transportation

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The following is the response provided to me by Alberta Transportation.

According to the "Developers Assessment" report, the Cameron Hills project is located in a remote and sparsely area just north of the Alberta border in the Northwest Territories. The project will be accessed via an existing winter road from the community of Indian Cabins, Alberta. However, as indicated in the report (page 49), "increased traffic, giving rise to safety concerns, has necessitated some upgrading of the winter access". This will directly affect the safety and design of the intersection of the existing access from the community of Indian Cabins as it joins with Highway 35. In this regard, Alberta Transportation does have a "regulatory" interest in this project. The proponent should immediately contact Mr. Robert Lindsay, Development and Planning Technologist at our Peace Region office, to arrange the necessary permit and resolve the potential safety issue being identified. Mr. Lindsay can be contacted at Peace River, telephone (780) 624-6280 or facsimile (780) 624-2440.

I suggest you pass this information to Paramount.

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Subject: Alberta Community Development Response to Paramount's Cameron Hills Project

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This is the information I received from Colin Needham recently regarding the assessment of the historical resources for the project. He received this message from Dr. Jack Ives.

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I'm finally getting a chance to look at this again, after returning. As I mentioned in CCG, we were aware of Paramount's Cameron Hills Project, which is largely in the NWT, through our permit #2000-123, work conducted three years ago by Golder Associates. This Historical Resources Impact Assessment (HRIA) was carried out as part of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, and as required by the NEB. On the Alberta side, the access road (which departs the highway near Indian Cabins) was pre-existing; there was just under 60 km of pipeline/flowline RoW assessed, connecting with Bitscho.

The area is known to be of low potential, and in fact, no archaeological sites were discovered. Because of the proximity to the NWT, and perhaps because of the NEB connection, the historical resources consultant also assessed the pipeline route for Traditional Use sites. Two possible ones were found (cut trees, no artefacts, no structures), one of which was actually 95 metres off the RoW.

There are two traplines in the region in question, and the consultant worked directly with six Dene Tha' and K'atlodeeche elders, trapper liaisons, or officials, from Chateh/Assumption, Meander River, Hay River and Bushe/High Level. Elders provided trapline information and an evaluation of higher potential areas for TUS locations that were then checked by helicopter survey. Two younger individuals also participated directly in the fieldwork.

Such tight integration of an HRIA with TUS assessment is not the norm for Alberta, so this project is somewhat unusual. There was a high degree of community contact, and community members participated directly in the project fieldwork. Given this, and given the fact that no significant archaeological sites or TUS situations were encountered, we had and would continue to have no further concerns with the project as proposed in 2000. This would be our answer to MVEIRB, unless there have been major RoW changes on our side of the border.

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