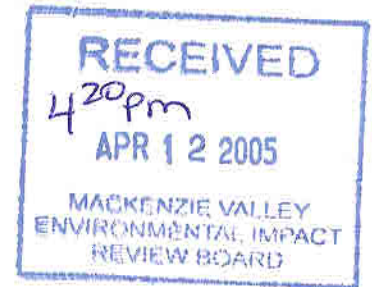




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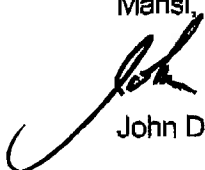
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Re: LETTER RE: MVEIRB & MVRMA **TOTAL PAGES:** 3

Hello,

Please find attached a letter regarding Dehcho First Nations concerns with the MVEIRB reasons for decision on the Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Extension.

Mahsi,



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RE: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Reasons for Decision for the Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Extension Environmental Assessment and Section 130 and 131 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*

Hello,

On July 7th 2004 I wrote a letter to each of you (or your predecessors) after the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) released its decision on the latest Paramount Resources Ltd. environmental assessment (e.a.).

I made it clear that I expected any post-Report of E.A. consultations between government and the Review Board would be an open, fair and transparent process that would involve both the DFN and individual Dehcho communities.

I also requested that each of you provide a written response to me detailing how the post-Report of E.A. process under Sections 130 and 131 would occur and the role of DFN and the individual communities in that process.

With the exception of the Review Board, which provided a cursory response, none of you responded to my July 7th letter. Furthermore, DFN has recently

learned that the Review Board's recommendations that focused on protecting community interests have been significantly weakened, to the point that they are now practically useless, following a meeting between government and the Review Board. The Dehcho people were not invited to this meeting, or copied on the subsequent correspondence between your organizations related to the meeting.

Your actions in this case are extremely troubling to the Dehcho people. Each of you has completely failed in your obligation to consult with the Dehcho people when Dehcho aboriginal rights, title, culture and heritage are being infringed. DFN will be discussing this matter with the individual communities to decide what steps to take in response to this exclusion of the Dehcho people from the decision-making process.

Your actions have also given the Dehcho people yet another reason why the Dehcho will never sign on to the current environmental review process as governed by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Mahsi,



Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

cc. Rick Sanderson, Fort Providence Resource Management Board
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