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Attention: Stephen Mathyk, Regulatory Officer

Dear Sir:

Re: Paramount - Cameron Hills

We represent the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation on all matters related to Paramount's activities in the Cameron Hills area.

We are aware of the recent decision of the Responsible Minister adopting modified recommendations of the MVEIRB. The modified recommendations are unacceptable to the Ka'a'Gee Tu, and, in our opinion, are insufficient to meet the legal obligations of the Crown to the Ka'a'Gee Tu. As well, the adopted recommendations are tantamount to rejections of the initial MVERB recommendations, and as such the Minister acted improperly in not ordering an environmental impact assessment. We have been instructed by our clients to review and pursue all available legal options open to challenging the Responsible Minister's decision, and any applicable licence or permits that may be issued to Paramount.

We are aware that the MVLWB is now responsible for the issuance of licenses and permits to Paramount. We ask that you promptly provide us full information on the following:

- 1. The process the MVLWB follows in reviewing Paramount's permit and licence applications, including timelines.
- 2. The process the MVLWB follows for revoking permits and licences, should the outcome of a Ka'a'Gee Tu legal challenge require revocation.

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Your prompt response is appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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