



February 26, 2004

Mr. Jim Hawkins,
Pipeline Regulatory Manager,
Mackenzie Gas Project,
Imperial Oil Resources,
237-4th Ave. SW, Room FAP 33-049,
Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3M9

Dear Mr. Hawkins:

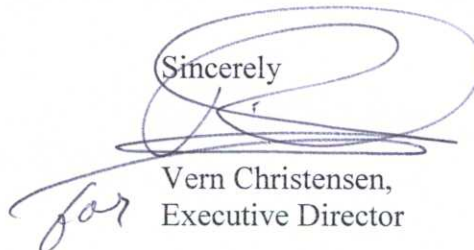
Re: Referral of Imperial Oil Ventures Ltd. Geotechnical Field Investigations in Deh Cho to Environmental Assessment

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB), at its teleconference of February 25, 2004, has decided to undertake an environmental assessment of the Geotechnical Field Investigations in the Deh Cho region (Land Use Permit/Water Licence Applications MV2003X0045/MV2003L8-0012).

The Review Board decided to conduct this environmental assessment on its own motion pursuant to subsection 126 (3) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). It called up the development on the basis of public concern. The Review Board will be distributing written reasons for the decision and will be in contact with Imperial Oil Ventures Ltd. to discuss the initiation and conduct of this environmental assessment.

If you have any questions regarding these proceedings, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Alan Ehrlich, Senior Environmental Assessment Officer at (867) 766-7056 or AEhrlich@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "for Vern Christensen". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely" and the name "Vern Christensen".

Vern Christensen,
Executive Director