

## **Mackenzie Valley** Environmental Impact Review Board

*Your file:*  
*Our file: EA03-005*

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Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
**Attention: David Livingstone**  
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and Environment Directorate  
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### **RE: INAC Consult to Modify, Paramount Cameron Hills Extension EA03-005**

We are in receipt of your correspondence dated November 17, 2004 regarding the proposed modifications to the Review Board's Paramount Resources Ltd. Report of Environmental Assessment (June 1, 2004). The Board has had the opportunity to review your comments and proposed modifications and would like to seek clarification on several points prior to any further discussions:

1. Please outline any actions taken by the governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories to meet your commitments to implement recommendation 7 from the Ranger Chevron EA Report.
2. Please send revised and complete wording for the suggested modification to Review Board recommendation 13.
3. With respect to the rationale for revised recommendation 13, point number 2, explain how the thresholds developed by the DCBCWG can be implemented by the MVLWB for the current Paramount land use permits under revised recommendation 13.
4. Recommendation 15, please provide an explanation of the process and events surrounding the INAC sponsored mediation effort related to harvester compensation undertaken after the last Paramount EA process. Indicate the reasons why it failed.


5. Recommendation 16, explain why the GNWT has changed its position from that presented to the Review Board during the EA.

It is the Board's intent to pursue the consult to modify process with the NEB and the Responsible Ministers in a timely manner. The Board requires the above-noted information in order to continue participation in the process. As you may be aware, the Board is currently seeking comments from the parties to the EA on the proposed wording changes, with a deadline of December 17, 2004. The Board would greatly appreciate a prompt response from your organization as well.

The Review Board's Reference Bulletin, outlining the Review Board's procedures on post-Report of Environmental Assessment consultation, as defined in Sections 130 and 131 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) is available on the website at [www.mveirb.nt.ca](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca).

If you require any further information or wish to seek clarification on this matter, do not hesitate to contact Mary Tapsell, Manager of Environmental Assessment at: (867) 766-7063.

Yours truly,



Mary Tapsell

