

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our file:

EA0405-04

November 15, 2004

Via fax

Brian Merchant, Drilling Manager Northrock Resources Ltd. 3500, 700 – 2nd Street SW Calgary, AB T2P 2W2

Dear Mr. Merchant:

Re: Notice of Referral to Environmental Assessment - Northrock Resources

On November 15, 2004 the Sahtu Land and Water Board referred your application to amend Land Use Permit S02A-004 to allow for a winter airstrip near the Keele River in the Northwest Territories to Environmental Assessment, according to section 125(1) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board will initiate scoping of the project and of the assessment shortly. You may be asked to provide a more detailed project description to assist the Review Board with developing a draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan. Until the assessment is concluded no permit or other authorization required for the development under territorial or federal law can be issued.

All pertinent information will be placed on the Review Board's public registry. The Board's Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment, as well as information on previous assessments, can be found at www.mveirb.nt.ca. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 766-7053 or mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca, if you have any process related questions.

Sincerely

Martin Haefele

Environmental Assessment Officer