



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our file: EA0506-007

Thursday, April 6th, 2006

To: Paramount SDL8 EA Distribution List

Re: Issuance of Terms of Reference and Work Plan, and round I Information Requests

Dear Parties,

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB or the “Review Board”) has issued its round I Information Requests and a Terms of Reference and Work Plan (ToR) for the environmental assessment of Paramount Resources Ltd.’s SDL8 2-D geophysical program (the “SDL8 program”). The documents are available by contacting the Review Board’s office, or by accessing them directly from the MVEIRB website.

To obtain the ToR: http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry/project_detail.php?project_id=29&doc_stage=4

To obtain the IRs: http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry/project_detail.php?project_id=29&doc_stage=6

The ToR prescribes the information that Paramount Resources Ltd. is requested to provide to the Review Board in the form of a Developer’s Assessment Report. The ToR also provides a Work Plan schedule (Section 5.3), which presents the various stages of the SDL8 program EA and the timelines that the Review Board has estimated for each stage.

The Information Requests have been issued to various aboriginal and government parties to obtain information that will assist the Review Board in reaching its decisions. The following table indicates to whom the Review Board’s Information Requests have been directed to.

IR #	Directed to:
1	Ka’a’gee Tu First Nation
2	Katlodeeche First Nation
3	Northwest Territory Métis Nation
4	Deh Gah Got’ie Dene Council
5	Fort Providence Métis Council
6	Environment Canada
7	Government of Northwest Territories
8	Government of Northwest Territories
9	Government of Northwest Territories
10	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
11	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
12	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
13	National Energy Board
14	National Energy Board

Timelines

The Review Board requests that Parties issued Information Requests submit their responses to the Review Board, in writing, no later than 5:00 pm, MST on Friday May 5th, 2006. If a Party to the EA cannot meet this deadline and requires additional time to respond to Information Requests, a request for an extension should not occur any later than one full week prior to the deadline. Paramount Resources Ltd. is also requested to attempt to adhere to the same timelines and the Review Board hopes that its Developer's Assessment Report can be submitted by May 5th, 2006.

Following receipt of the Developer's Assessment Report and the round I Information Request Responses, the Review Board will undertake a conformity check of the submissions. If the Review Board is satisfied with the submissions, it will undertake a second round of Information Requests that will allow Parties to pose questions to Paramount or other Parties. Other activities, as described in the Work Plan schedule, such as holding a technical meeting or a public hearing, may also follow if the Review Board believes they are necessary to arrive at a decision.

Update on related matters

The Review Board has finalized its summary of the Community Hearing held in Hay River on February 28, 2006. The summary is available on the MVEIRB's web site in the Public Hearings sub-folder of the SDL8 folder. The same sub-folder also contains recent correspondence between the Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation and the Review Board.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the above-cited material, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience by phone at (867)-766-7062 or by email at pduxbury@mveirb.nt.ca.

Yours truly,



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