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Mr. Patrick Duxbury
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Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Duxbury,

RE: Opportunity for Parties to comment on Paramount's Request for Ruling

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) would like to thank the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact review Board (the "Review Board") for the opportunity to comment on Paramount Resources Ltd.'s Request for Ruling for the Environmental Assessment of their 2D Seismic Program.

INAC has reviewed the August 9, 2006 review Board document entitled: "Notification of References", and both sections of Paramount Resources Ltd.'s September 25, 2006 Request for Ruling. In our view the Review Board must give the appropriate weight to any documents that may be considered in making its decision. INAC suggests that the weighting system be as transparent as possible and include any relevant rationale.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-669-2647.

Sincerely,

David Livingstone
Director,

Renewable Resources and Environment

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