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RE: EA05406-007 Paramount SDL 8 2D Geophysical Program

Dear Mr. Haefele:

Thank you for your letter and attached information related to the above noted EA and issues related to the same. The Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council would like to comment on this matter.

In relation to the request by the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation (KTFN), the Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council (DGGDC) would like to convey to the Board that it also has an interest in the proposed 2-D Seismic area.

It is important to note that in 1998 the KTFN was not a First Nation under the Indian Act. The KTFN were members of the Ft. Providence Dene Band (FPDB). This was the name of the DGGDC at that time. Discussions between the FPDB and the people of Kakisa began in April of 1989. The Kakisa people finally received Band status in 1990.

At that time however, it was a very standard agreement in that the FPDB agreed to release an agreed amount of members living in Kakisa Lake and that the Kakisa Lake people not lay claim to any FPDB assets or businesses of the day. It was a very vague agreement at that. It did not mention any co-management of lands or **the giving up of any rights or interests of the FPDB members to any of the lands and resources around Kakisa.**

The DGGDC is presently contesting some of the comments and statements made in the KTFN legal proceedings T-1379-05 & T-1996-05 in the federal court. The EA and program in question here was supported by the DGGDC in late winter of last year.

In terms of any Harvesters' Compensation Plans or a Benefits Plan, the DGGDC would be a full party to any of these agreements but none have been agreed to as of this date.

If there are any proceedings, hearings or face to face presentations needed on this matter the DGGDC would like to be present and present if necessary.

Should you have any questions in this regard please do not hesitate to contact the Council or Chief Berna Landry.

Sincerely,



Therese Bonnetrouge
Sub Chief

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