

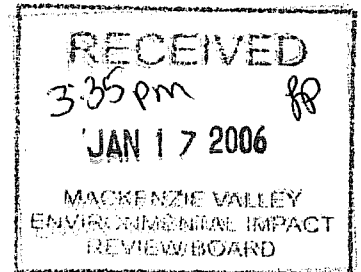
# Fort Providence Métis Council

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Attention: Mr. Martin Haefele

**Re: EA05406-007 Paramount SDL-8-2D Geophysical Program:**

Reference is made to your December 23, 2005 letter concerning a Request for Ruling. The Fort Providence Métis Council would like to comment on this request by the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation (KTFN). At this time, we would like to convey that the Fort Providence Métis Community maintains an interest in the proposed 2-D Seismic area in the Cameron Hills.

The Fort Providence Métis Council represents the interests of our Métis community here in the Dehcho region. Although the Métis Council is not constituted as a Band under the Indian Act our Council does represent our community and Métis citizens (Dene descendants) who continue to have aboriginal title interests and rights in the Dehcho Territory which includes the Cameron Hills area.

Our people's aboriginal title interest and rights in the Dehcho region were originally recognized by Canada's Métis Scrip Commissions at the time of Treaties 8 and 11 in 1900 and 1921 respectively. To date the Canadian Crown has yet to honourably reconcile our aboriginal title interests and rights by way of a final agreement with us here in the Dehcho. We are parties to the Dehcho Process

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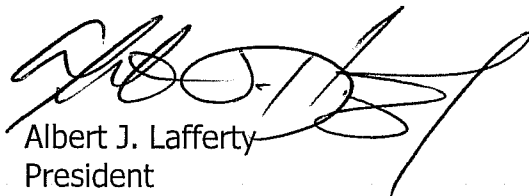
and Interim Measures Agreements signed with Canada concerning industrial development on our traditional lands.

We also would like to also clearly state that the Cameron Hills area is shared traditional lands between the Indian Act bands at Fort Providence, Kakisa, West Point, the Hay River Reserve and the Fort Providence Métis Community as represented by the Fort Providence Métis Council. Therefore, we contest the assertion that the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation (Indian Act band, T-1379-05 and T-1996)) has exclusive interests in this proposed development which is about to take place on our inter-community shared traditional lands.

In terms of any Harvesters' Compensation or Community Benefits Plans being contemplated with the developer in Cameron Hills, we maintain that the Fort Providence Métis Council is to be included as a fully party to such agreements which may be signed with Paramount Resources. Todate agreements have not been concluded.

If there are any hearings, presentations or subsequent proceedings on this matter the Fort Providence Métis Council would like to be present as a party to discussions. Should you have any questions or require clarification please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,  
**Fort Providence Métis Council**

  
Albert J. Lafferty  
President