



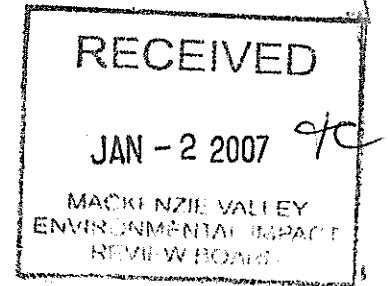
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Gabrielle Mackenzie-Scott, Chair
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**Re: Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision regarding the
Paramount Resources Ltd. Significant Discovery Licence 8, 2D Geophysical
Program (EA0506-007)**

Dear Ms. Mackenzie-Scott:

On behalf of the federal Minister and the Responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to the above-noted development, I am writing to thank you for providing us with the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on Paramount Resources Ltd. Significant Discovery Licence 8, 2D Geophysical Program (EA0506-007), dated November 14th, 2006.

The Responsible Ministers are reviewing the report pursuant to paragraph 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and will provide you with their response to the report's recommendations when they have completed their deliberations.

Sincerely,

Bob Overvold
Regional Director General
Northwest Territories

cc. The Honourable Rona Ambrose, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Jim Prentice, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Geoff Regan, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Michael McLeod, M.L.A.