



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

January 2, 2007

Shirley Maaskant
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Dear Ms. Maaskant:

**Re: Reasons for Decision and Report of Environmental Assessment EA0506-007,
Paramount Resources Ltd. Significant Discovery License 8, 2D Geophysical Program
(SDL8)**

Thank you for your letter of December 21, 2006 where you seek clarification on how the Mackenzie Valley Impact Review Board (Review Board) reached its conclusions regarding potential impacts from this proposed project, how the measures were developed and which studies the Review Board relied upon.

As you are aware, the Review Board considers all evidence on the public registry associated with a proposed development when it makes its determinations of significance. The Report of Environmental Assessment (REA) is a summary document of some of the key elements the Board has referred to that has helped it reach its conclusions.

I refer you to pages 14 to 18 in the REA, where the Review Board clearly provides an overview of the evidence it considered, as well as reasons for its conclusions when it chose to develop measures to mitigate likely significant adverse impacts to boreal caribou. The more substantive discussions and evidence are contained in the actual referenced documents and readers are encouraged to review those documents if they require further clarification.

Boreal caribou are listed as Threatened (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* and expertise and responsibility for boreal caribou lies within the jurisdiction of the Government of the NWT. Concern over the potential impacts to boreal caribou from oil and gas developments has been a reoccurring theme of environmental assessments conducted in the NWT. The Review Board encourages all interested parties to continue dialogue and look for solutions that will ensure long-term management of this species.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary Tapsell', written over a horizontal line.

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