



Our file: EA0506-007

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**To:** Ms. Shirley Maaskant, Regulatory & Community Affairs Coordinator, Paramount Resources Ltd.

**Re:** Conformity Analysis of Paramount Resources Ltd.'s Developers Assessment Report

Dear Ms. Maaskant,

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) met by teleconference on the morning on May 26, 2006 to review the Developers Assessment Report (DAR) that Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) submitted on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

As part of its consideration, the Review Board undertook a conformity analysis to determine whether the items requested in the Terms of Reference (issued on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006) were sufficiently responded to in the DAR. The Review Board has determined that for a number of items the DAR does not conform, or that it does not provide sufficient information to permit the Review Board to meaningfully consider the items requested. Paramount is requested to examine the following items and resubmit information as directed by the Review Board:

1. **Item A:** Paramount's explanation of how Traditional Knowledge was utilized in the planning of the SLD8 application requires further support. The Review Board requests that the 2001 Traditional Knowledge Study be submitted to the Review Board for its consideration.
2. **Item B 1b):** The map submitted by Paramount in the DAR is of very poor quality. Paramount is requested to resubmit a better, higher-resolution copy of the map, or if not possible, to explain why such a copy is not available.
3. **Item D 5c):** Potential effects to wildlife (during all seasons) of using helicopter-based seismic was not responded to in the DAR. Paramount is requested to address this outstanding issue.
4. **Item F2 a-f):** The Review Board does not consider the responses to these questions to be in conformity with the Terms of Reference. Paramount is requested to re-read the questions and answer them to the best of its ability. Paramount may wish to also give consideration to Information Request Responses 7 and 8, submitted by the Government of the Northwest Territories, when answering these items.
5. **Item G:** The Review Board does not consider the responses to these questions to be in conformity with the Terms of Reference. Paramount is requested to re-read the questions and answer them to the best of its ability. In its consideration of Valued Components (VC) of the environment, Paramount should ensure that boreal caribou are included as such a VC. Paramount may wish to also give consideration to

Information Request Response 8, submitted by the Government of the Northwest Territories, to assist in answering these items.

To ensure an expedient environmental assessment process, Paramount is requested to respond to these outstanding items by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the above-cited material, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience by phone at (867)-766-7062 or by email at [pduxbury@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:pduxbury@mveirb.nt.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Duxbury", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Patrick Duxbury,  
Environmental Assessment Officer

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