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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Via fax: (867) 766-7055

Attention: **Martin Haefele**

Dear Sir:

Re: **Environmental Assessment EA0506-007**  
**Paramount SDL 8, 2D Geophysical Program**  
**Request for Ruling**

Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) appreciates the opportunity to respond to Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's December 23, 2005 letter that references Mandell Pinder's December 16, 2005 letter, filed on behalf of the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation.

Some of the reasons that Paramount does not support the suspension of environmental assessment EA0506-007 are as follows:

- The EA0506-007 project area is outside of the cumulative effect areas assessed in prior environmental assessments, is not included in any current land use permit, and is not part of any current legal proceeding.
- Each land use permit and water licence application must be considered on its own merits. If the environmental assessment is suspended, the information necessary to consider the merits will not be available.
- The suspension will cause unnecessary delays to Paramount.
- The environmental assessment has no negative impact on any party.

We look forward to hearing from you, and would appreciate an opportunity to reply to the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation's comments after January 13, 2006.

Yours truly,

Paramount Resources Ltd.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Maaskant", is written over the typed name.

Shirley Maaskant

Manager, Regulatory & Community Affairs

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