KA'A'GEE TU FIRST NATION

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RE: MVLWB REPORT DECEMBER 2ND 2001.

While Ka'a'gee Tu First Nations is encouraged by some of the reports findings, there remain significant issues that unless they are addressed will significantly affect the community members livelihood, traditional values and negatively impact it's lands.

In attachment 3, suggestions made by the board items 1 to 7 KA'A'GEE TU agrees these issued are critical to address. KA'A'GEE TU also believes it has key leadership role to play in working with the GNWT and INAC to address these. However, INAC and the GNWT have a clear responsibility to provide resources (financial) to the community to support their participation and leadership in making the recommendations a reality.

Further, key issues from the report are identified as follows:

5:16 Abandonment and restoration - KA'A'GEE TU is concerned that the abandonment plans to not allow for individual access management. In fact the statement by Paramount would encourage access to KA'A'GEE TU lands.

5:14 Conclusions - Adverse impacts of an accidental spill would be short term and reversible. KA'A'GEE TU First Nations disagrees and is concerned this view is shared regarding potential impacts to its lands. Let us be reminded of all the short term reversible spills that have polluted lands and water course across this country.

On the next point Pipeline failures - Paramount will have monitoring and shut off controls in its facilities design. What are the monitoring systems? To what extent are they reliable? Can they detect pin hole leaks? What are the specific design pressure criteria? Shut off controls - where are they placed, are they automated, are they on each side of major water courses? Paramount needs to give specific plans on the above.

What are the components of an emergency response plan? Where is the emergency equipment located? Who are the key personnel? What are their qualifications? Does the plan include on site training and exercises the community will be invited to observe?

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5:15 There are no specifics around induced access management plans. What are they? What is the GNWT and INAC roles in preserving KA'A'GEE TU lands?

5:13 1Conclusions - There is no mention earlier or in the conclusion on the specific fire suppression equipment Paramount will have on site.

5:13 2 Pipe Buoyancy in Bogs - Paramount has proposed heavy wall pipe. What are the engineering specifications? Is this pipe coated? What about swamp weights? How deep will the pipe be buried?

Terrain and Permafrost - The statement on "operation guidelines for permafrost area". What are they and can they be provided to the community?

5:13 The community needs to understand the erosion control plans as these are critical to the management of their lands.

5:13 Socio Economic Matters - The brevity of these statements, the lack of detail as well as no specific commitments are of major components of a meaningful socio-economic plan are absent.

Local community contracting and hiring quotas are of great concern. Meaningful quotas that are measurable, and stewardable and the results made public by the GNWT and INAC are critical.

In reference to the hiring system - What is Paramount's current aboriginal content for employment and business in its other areas of operations? This information should be included in their application, and will reflect their aboriginal relations commitment in other communities they work in.

5:10 Increased Access - There are no specific Induced access management plans and Paramount's needs to review these with the community when they are being developed.

5:8 1 The KA'A'GEE TU First Nations believes the current Paramount benefits plan fall significantly short of addressing basic requirements of such plans.

5:8 KA'A'GEE TU First Nations is less than satisfied with the consultation process, the level of commitment and the outcomes despite the communities efforts to be exceptionally clear with Paramount on their key issues and concerns.

As stated earlier, some positive progress has been made however there is significant commitment required by INAC to carry out their fiduciary responsibility by the GNWT, certainly by Paramount in being forthcoming, by MVWB to continue its role and by the community to provide leadership to provide input, to maintain its guardianship of its lands.

Sincerely,

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