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Re: Letter to DIAND	CC:

Urgent **For Review** **Please Comment**

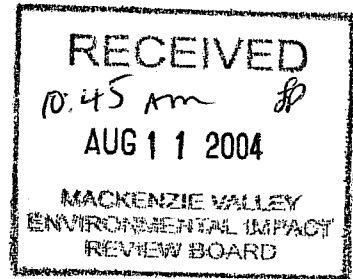
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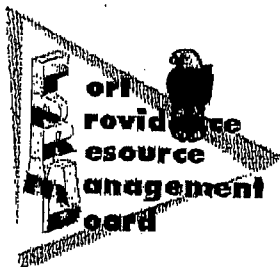
● **Comments:**

Hi Todd;

Just dropping a line to inform you of the letter we sent DIAND.

Thx Rick





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August 10, 2004

The Honourable Andy Scott
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
10 Wellington Street
Hull, Quebec K1A 0H4

Dear Minister;

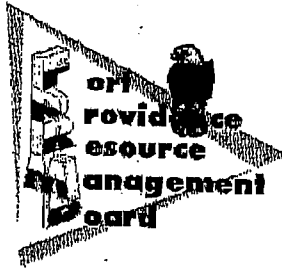
On behalf of the Fort Providence Resource Management Board, we congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. We are corresponding in regards to a letter sent to your office from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) dated July 30, 2004.

It seems apparent that Paramount Resources Limited has complained to CAPP regarding the conditions imposed on them in the recommendations made by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) re: June 1, 2004 " Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision on the Paramount Resources Limited Cameron Hills Extension Project".

This particular letter issued by CAPP, requests an audience with yourself including some of their northern operators to discuss, "northern issues and specifically their concerns with the MVEIRB's report". We believe this to be a direct infringement on the whole "Environmental Assessment" (EA) process, if we too are not at the table during these discussions.

CAPP also complains about the lack of transparency in the EA process yet they fail to present any details of their concerns in writing so we may assess and respond. It also appears that they feel that they can intervene into an EA at anytime, if this is the case, they should have participated from the beginning in front of the Review Board like everyone else.

In the event that you do decide to meet with CAPP and their northern operators in private, we feel that would only lend to the concept that you are being influenced by industry prior to the final decision of an important EA.



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Under Sections 130(1)(b)(ii) and 131(1)(b) of the MVRMA, and the letter sent by Dehcho First Nations Grand Chief Herb Norwegian to your predecessor Mr. Andrew Mitchell dated July 7, 2004 we have requested an open, transparent, and fair process, to the EA and its final decision. On this note we wish to include that:

- The FPRMB have to be promptly copied on any and all correspondence between INAC and CAPP regarding the Paramount Cameron Hills Report of the EA.
- The FPRMB request that they be invited to participate in any meeting held between INAC and CAPP in regards to the Paramount Cameron Hills Report of the EA.

In closing, we thank you in advance for taking the time to deal with this important issue and also look forward to a positive and timely response. In the event that you decide to meet with ourselves and CAPP and require a neutral location to hold this open meeting, you are cordially invited to our community of Fort Providence NWT.

Sincerely,

Louie Constant
Chairperson, FPRMB

Cc: Todd Burlingame, Chair, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Chief Berna Landry, Deh Gah Got'le Dene Council
Grand Chief Herb Norwegian, Dehcho First Nations
President Albert Lafferty, Ft. Providence Metis Council-Local # 57