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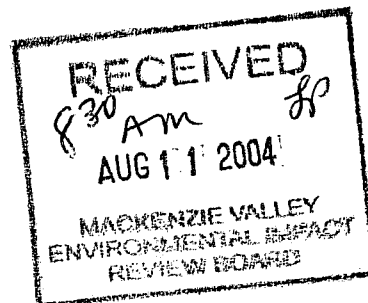
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**Re:** **Paramount Resources Ltd.'s Cameron Hills Extension Project**

The attached letter provides the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation's response to the July 30<sup>th</sup> letter from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers to the Minister of INAC.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (867) 766-2455 or Allan Landry at (867) 825-2000.

*Joe Acorn*  
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August 10, 2004

To: Andy Scott, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Re: **Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Extension Environmental Assessment and the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers' July 29<sup>th</sup> Letter to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**

The Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation (the "KTFN") has reviewed the July 30<sup>th</sup> letter to you from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) concerning the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's Report of Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Extension.

We have previously written to you through our legal counsel, Mandell Pinder. By a letter dated July 20, 2004, our lawyers outlined the KTFN's position regarding the need for a transparent, inclusive, and fair decision-making process in relation to the EA. There is also the important fact of the Crown's legal duty to consult and accommodate the title and rights of the KTFN in regards to the proposed development.

In addition to these points, we note the following about CAPP's request to meet with you concerning the Paramount EA:

- It is quite late in the process for CAPP to attempt to intervene in an EA proceeding. If CAPP wanted a role in determining the conditions that would be placed on the Paramount project, then CAPP should have participated in the EA process before the Review Board. CAPP failed to participate and it is inappropriate for CAPP to jump into the process at this late time and attempt to influence your decision. It would be unusual that the Minister would consider the input of a third party who chose not to participate in a proceeding, after a process of public consultations and hearings, and a report submitted.
- For the sake of transparency, CAPP should be willing to state their concerns for all to see and respond to. CAPP complains in its letter about the lack of transparency in the EA process but fails to put any details of their concerns in writing.

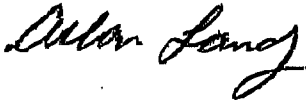
The KTFN are asking that you do not meet with CAPP concerning the Paramount EA, nor consider CAPP's submissions and information in making your decision concerning the EA. If you were to meet with CAPP and consider their information and submissions in relation to the Paramount EA, the KTFN require the following procedures to be followed:

- The KTFN would be promptly copied on any and all correspondence between INAC and CAPP concerning the Paramount Cameron Hills Report of EA;

- The KTFN would be invited to fully participate in any meeting between INAC and CAPP concerning the Paramount Cameron Hills Report of EA;
- If a meeting between the Minister and CAPP does proceed, the meeting should be held in Kakisa so that we can discuss this project where the impacts of it will be felt most severely; and
- The KTFN would be given a full opportunity to respond to any information and submissions of CAPP concerning the Paramount Cameron Hills Report of EA.

We hope to hear from you to confirm that you will not meet with CAPP concerning the Paramount EA.

Sincerely,



Allan Landry  
KTFN Band Councilor and Oil and Gas Advisor

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