



August 11, 2009

Shirley Maaskant
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Dear Ms. Maaskant:

**Re: Notification of Ministerial Decision of Environmental Assessment on the
Paramount 2D Geophysical Program (EA0506-007)**

On July 20, 2009, the Review Board received the Ministerial Decision for the Paramount 2D Geophysical Program (EA0506-007) from Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs. Pursuant to 130(1)(b)(i) of the Act, the Responsible Ministers have decided to adopt the Review Board's recommendation to approve the development, as modified by the developer's commitments, and subject to the recommended mitigation measures.

Subsequently, on August 11, 2009, the Review Board received notice from the National Energy Board that it also has adopted the Review Boards recommendation for the proposed Paramount Resources Ltd. Significant Discovery License 8 2D Geophysical Program (SDL8), pursuant to paragraph 131(1)(a) of the Act. These two documents have been placed on the public registry for this environmental assessment.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Review Board.

Regards,

Martin Haefele

Manager, Environmental Assessment