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Attention: Joe Acom

Re: Amendments to the Final Work Plan and Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of the Paramount Resources Ltd. Cameron Hills Drilling Project

The amendments to the above application documents have been reviewed by myself on behalf of Environment Canada (EC). EC provides the following comments pursuant to Section 22 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

EC agrees with the removal of the references to the completing and testing of the 7 existing wells from both the Work Plan and the Terms of Reference and concurs that this work can be conducted under the existing land use permits. However, the section of the Environmental Assessment (EA) which deals with cumulative impacts will still need to consider this work in its scope.

EC recognizes the proponent's request to drill 10 possible future wells, however EC does not agree with their inclusion within this EA unless sufficient information is provided for us to comment on the direct impact that these new wells will have on the local environment. Information needed would include locations, proximity to water, details on sumps and waste management, access and anticipated timing.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on the Work Plan and Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4743 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Yours truly,

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