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ATTENTION: Constance MacIntosh

Dear Ms. MacIntosh:

Re: Paramount Resources Ltd. ("Paramount") - Cameron Hills Project

Shirley Maaskant, of Paramount, has asked that we respond to your letter of April 2, 2002.

Your comments with respect to the Draft Plan are noted. We are aware of the decisions of the British Columbia Court of Appeal in *Haida Nation* and *Taku River Tlingit*, although we disagree that they specifically support the expanded compensation plan to which your clients claim they are entitled. Furthermore, as you are aware, the Court of Appeal has recently ordered a rehearing with respect to the obligations of Weyerhaeuser to the Haida Nation, to be heard on June 4. We also understand that leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada is being sought in the *Taku River Tlingit* case as well.

More importantly, we also wish to respond to your allegation that Paramount "continues to refuse to meet with representatives of the Ka'a Gee Tu First Nation". This is not a correct representation of Paramount's position. As you are aware from our letter of March 1, 2002, Paramount was awaiting the response of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC") to its letter of February 6 prior to proceeding to further meetings. A response has now been received and Paramount is fully prepared to meet with representatives of the Ka'a Gee Tu to engage in further discussions in order to reach a compensation plan that is fair and reasonable to both the Ka'a Gee Tu and to Paramount. It is our understanding that INAC is presently in the process of setting up a meeting for a mutually agreeable date with Paramount and all potentially affected communities. Paramount looks forward to resolving these issues at the earliest possible date.

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