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National Energy Board
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RE: Paramount Resources Ltd. – SDL Area, Cameron Hills

We have inquired about the seed mixture that was approved by the National Energy Board that will be used to re-vegetate described areas as outlined in the re-vegetation plan.

The following are the concerns we have regarding the re-vegetation plan:

1. Please provide written documentation that the proposed seed mixture that was approved will not interfere with the native species of the area. The documentation would include reports from research that was done in the Southern Northwest Territories where re-vegetation with the same seed mixture was used. If this seed mixture has not been used before, provide a written response and justification as to why the National Energy Board asserts that this seed mixture will not adversely affect the environment.

Further, give reasons why seeds from native species cannot be collected. I understand that this is a costly and time consuming process. However, if the First Nations in the Deh Cho region may want development in the future, it would be advantageous to start collecting the seeds now.

2. It is understood that the National Energy Board and the Mackenzie Valley Land & Water Board are the regulatory bodies responsible to ensure the environmental assessment guidelines that were set

by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board are followed. Please provide the name and title of the person who will be doing a site visit to ensure the guidelines for the EA are met.

3. If the non-indigenous plant species is firmly established and it is found that the non-native plants are too vigorous for the native plant life, how is the National Energy Board going to ensure the non-native species is eradicated. It would be very difficult or impossible to remove the plants. This would also be very costly. Who would be responsible and incur the cost of attempting to remove the species?

We thank you for the information sent by Jann Atkinson regarding the re-vegetation plan. However, it does not answer the specific questions that we have. Our Resource Management staff posed the above listed questions via telephone and was assured the questions would be investigated and a response forthcoming. To date, we have not received an adequate response, therefore, are reiterating our questions in writing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Resource Management Coordinator

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Chief, Lloyd Chicot, Ka'agee Tu First Nation
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