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**Mackenzie Valley Land
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Application # MV2000P0055

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Attention: **Constance MacIntosh**

Dear Ms. MacIntosh:

Re: Land Use Permit MV2000P0055, Paramount Resources Ltd. - Cameron Hills, NWT

Your letter of 21 March to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board concerning a potential violation of permit condition by Paramount Resources Ltd. was referred by that board to this office for response.

Specifically, you mention in your letter that the permittee may not be in compliance with a requirement to have a locked or manned gate on the winter road access to the Cameron Hills project. I have spoken to the land use inspector stationed in Hay River in regards to this matter, and he informs me that the project is accessed along a winter road which originates in Alberta, departing in a westerly direction from Alberta Highway Number 35, near the Alberta community of Indian Cabins. Paramount Resources Canada shared the operation of a manned gate approximately three kilometres west of that highway with another company operating on the Alberta side of the border. The gate operated for fixed hours each day, with the attendant recording the persons or companies using the road, and further, the attendant lived at the location, providing a twenty-four hour presence. This gate was in operation until the winter road was closed for the season. The inspector accessed the project using the winter road, and states he was himself stopped each time he entered the area.

I appreciate your client's concern with permit compliance, and welcome the opportunity to provide this information. I would like to remind your clients that they are free to address such concerns directly to the inspector, or to myself, if they so chose. It can be advantageous to speak directly to the inspector involved, so that he can be fully apprised of all the details involved in a complaint or concern.

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Again, thank you for bringing this matter to our attention, and I trust your client will be relieved to know that access was indeed monitored and recorded.

Yours truly,



Edward R. Hornby
District Manager
South Mackenzie District

CC: - Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

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of Resources Wildlife and Economic Development,
Attention: Bob Bailey
- Paramount Resources Ltd., Attention: Shirley Maaskant
- Government of the Northwest Territories Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs,
Attention: Phil Mercredi
- Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board,
Attention: Joe Acorn
- Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development,
Attention: Lorne Tricoteux