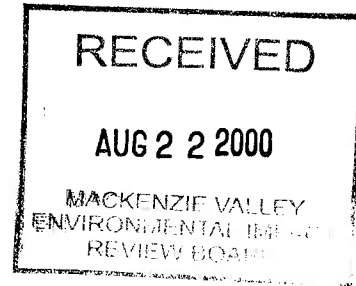




File 3000-A000-13
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To: Parties Named in the Distribution List
(Attachment 1)

**Paramount Resources Ltd.
Cameron Hills Pipeline and Facilities Project**

Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) has submitted to the National Energy Board (the Board) a pre-application scoping package for its proposed Cameron Hills Pipeline and Facilities Project (the Project). A copy of the package is provided in Attachment 2.

The proposed project would include production wells, gathering lines, a gas battery and transmission pipelines in the southern Mackenzie Valley in the Northwest Territories and northern Alberta. Paramount also identified numerous other physical works and activities that would be associated with its proposed facilities in the Northwest Territories such as permanent roads and bridges, an airstrip, a helipad, accommodation, sewage lagoon and a water disposal line. Paramount stated that it is in the process of preparing the relevant applications pursuant to both the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* (the production wells, gathering lines and battery) and the *National Energy Board Act* (the transboundary pipelines).

The Board notes that it would be a responsible authority under section 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) for the purposes of the proposed Cameron Hills project. Accordingly, the Board has initiated an environmental assessment for the project, in accordance with the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements* (CEAA Coordination Regulations) to meet its obligations under the CEAA.

Pursuant to section 5 of the CEAA Coordination Regulations, the Board requests that you review the application and indicate to the Board whether your department/agency:

- (a) has identified or anticipates identifying a responsibility under section 5 of CEAA to assess the environmental effects of the proposed Cameron Hills Pipeline and Facilities Project;
- (b) can provide specialist or expert information or knowledge to the Board pursuant to section 12(3) of CEAA with respect to an environmental assessment of the proposed Cameron Hills Pipeline and Facilities Project; or
- (c) requires additional information to make a determination referred to in (a) or (b).

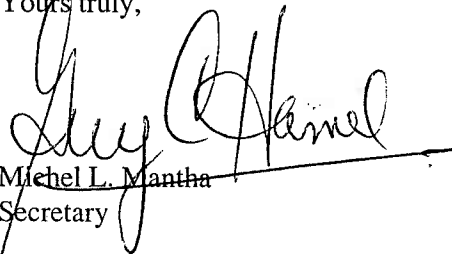
With regard to (a) and (b), the Board asks that your response be provided to the Board by Wednesday 6 September 2000 and copied to Gowlings, Legal Counsel for Paramount, in order to fulfill the requirements of subsection 6(4) of the CEAA Coordination Regulations. A fax-back form is provided as Attachment 3 for your convenience. Responses may be sent by facsimile to (403) 292-5503.

Please note that any advice given pursuant to paragraph 6(1)(c) of the CEAA Coordination Regulations will be treated as a letter of comment for any future proceeding regarding the proposed Cameron Hills project that the Board may convene.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Ms. Jann Atkinson, Environmental Specialist, at (403) 299-2796 or Mr. Guy Delisle, Legal Counsel, at (403) 299-3937. These persons may be reached at the Board's toll-free number, 1-800-899-1265, during normal business hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,



Michel L. Mantha
Secretary

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National Energy Board / Office national de l'énergie**Canadian Environmental Assessment Act - Faxback Response for Section 5 Notification**Re: **Paramount Resources Ltd. - Cameron Hills****Project**NEB File: **3000-A000-13****FAX BACK TO: National Energy Board****FAX No: (403) 292-5503**

Pursuant to the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements* (Regulations), please indicate to the National Energy Board (the Board) **by Wednesday, 6 September 2000** whether your Department/Agency (please check off the appropriate box):

- a) has identified or anticipates identifying a responsibility under section 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) to assess the environmental effects of the project;

NO ☐ YES ☐ If YES, please indicate the CEAA Law List trigger(s):

Trigger: _____

- b) can provide specialist or expert information or knowledge to the Board pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the CEAA with respect to an environmental assessment of the proposed project (i.e., an Expert Federal Authority);

NO ☐ YES ☐

- c) requires additional information to make a determination referred to in a) or b) above.

NO ☐ YES ☐ If YES, please forward the request within 10 days after receiving this notification as per subsection 6(2) of the Regulations.

Please advise what role your Department or Agency plans to play in this review by faxing this response to the Secretary of the National Energy Board, M.L. Mantha, at (403) 292-5503. Please provide the following contact information:

Name: _____

Title/Department: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ Facsimile: () _____

Date

Authorized Signature for Responding Department or Agency