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Bob White, Project Manager
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Mr. White:

RE: WesternGeco (White), ***Mackenzie Delta River 2D Seismic Program, 2002***

During a meeting held 17-18 June 2002, the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) screened the above-noted project description. Based on the information provided, the EISC decided that the development could have significant negative impact on the environment or Inuvialuit wildlife harvesting in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and is subject to assessment and review under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement [IFA Section 11.(13)(b)]. A copy of the decision has been attached.

No permits or approvals may be issued by any approval authority that would allow the proposed development to proceed pending the outcome of the public review by the Environmental Impact Review Board formed pursuant to the Inuvialuit Final Agreement [IFA Subsection 11.(31)].

In determining the potential for significant negative environmental impact, in accordance with the EISC's *Operating Guideline and Procedures*, Appendix D, the EISC considered the following factors.

- The proposed development could impact upon traditional Inuvialuit harvesting of fish from the Mackenzie River and/or channels. WesternGeco clearly anticipates that there would be some impact on harvesting and have provided for scout boats that would be sent ahead to advise people fishing or boating of the approach of the seismic array, and monitors to follow to watch for fish killed by the activity. However, the EISC did not believe that these techniques would fully or effectively mitigate the potential impact on fish harvesting.
- There are unresolved environmental issues related to the proposed development particularly given the gaps in background information. In going through the revised project description, the EISC did not feel that all of the concerns and questions raised during review of the original submission were addressed.

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- The EISC lacks confidence in the proposed mitigation and monitoring program. The company states that monitoring will be conducted, but does not outline a thorough monitoring program, nor identify the actions that will occur should monitoring indicate that fish are being killed by development activities.

Given the above points and the importance of fish resources to the Inuvialuit, the EISC referred the development for environmental impact review. For your information, the Resource Person for the Environmental Impact Review Board is Jonathan Allen. He may be reached at the same phone number and address provided below.

Sincerely,

Linda Graf

Linda Graf
Secretary

cc: Denis Arey, Aklavik Hunters and Trappers Committee
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Encl. (1) EISC Decision

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING COMMITTEE

SUBMISSION NUMBER:

NAME OF PROPONENT: WesternGeco, Bob White

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: *Mackenzie River Delta 2D Seismic Program 2002*

DECISION OF THE SCREENING PANEL (circled):

1. **The development will have no such significant negative impact and may proceed without further environmental impact assessment and review under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. [IFA s. 11. (13) (a)]**

2. **The development could have significant negative environmental impact and is subject to assessment and review under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement. [IFA s. 11. (13) (b)]**

3. **The development proposal has deficiencies of a nature that warrant a termination of its consideration and the submission of another project description. [IFA s. 11. (13) (c)]**

Signed on the 18 **day of** JUNE **, 2002.**

William Klassen, Chair

Johnny Lennie, Canada Member

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