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From: Matt Law

Date: April 16, 2003

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference & Work Plan
Northrock Comments

Dear Martin,

Northrock has reviewed the Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan in respect of the Northrock Summit Creek B-44 Exploratory Well and has the following comments:

1. In correspondence from the Tulita Renewable Resource Council (Sept 13, 2002) and Fort Norman Metis Land Corporation (Jan 7, 2003), the issue of trapper's compensation was raised. Northrock has responded to those requests in accordance with the provisions of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement with a request for additional information on which to base any compensation award. That information has not been forthcoming. The provisions of Section 18 of the Land Claim Agreement allow for the negotiation of awards, and failing agreement, referral to arbitration. The concerns raised in the correspondence are with respect to compensation, and not with respect to deleterious effects on harvesting. Northrock requests that the scope of assessment eliminate impacts on wildlife harvesting. In addition, this would affect and eliminate Section H-1 to H-4, J-2 and J-3. Northrock will continue to dialogue with the Tulita Renewable Resources Council and follow the provisions of the Land Claim Agreement in respect of compensation.
2. "Concerns about the disturbance of an area that has cultural significance", which is referred to by the Fort Norman Metis Land Corporation in its letter of Jan 7, 2003, has no detail about the geographical area or issue of concern. The draft terms refer to proximity of the wellsite to a traditional trail (E-2), which may or may not be what the Fort Norman Metis Land Corporation was referring to. Northrock request the Review Board consider eliminating the reference to Waste Management (E-3) and Water Use (E-4) as these issues were considered at the Preliminary Screening stage.

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3. There appears to be no concerns raised with respect to water usage and sources in any of our consultations or written objections. We have dealt with issues raised by DFO to their satisfaction. Northrock requests the elimination from the Alternative section of E-2, Water Use.

I trust you will find Northrock's comments useful in your evaluation and review of the Draft Terms of Reference and Work Plan. We look forward to receiving the approved Terms of Reference and Work Plan, and appreciate the effort and diligence with which you are dealing with this Environmental Assessment

Yours truly,

NORTHROCK RESOURCES LTD.

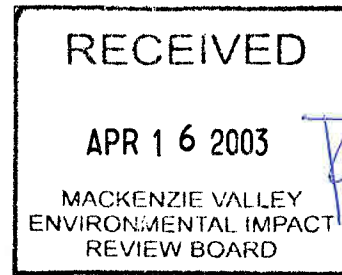
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April 14, 2003

**DIAND comments - Draft Terms of Reference and Workplan
Environmental Assessment-Northrock Summit Creek B-44 Exploratory Well**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) has the following comments.

It is understood that this project has been referred to the Review Board for an Environmental Assessment due to the inability of the parties to reach agreement on land access provisions and potential compensation for that access. Since the Preliminary Screening has already assessed the potential impacts of the development, it is suggested that the primary focus of this Environmental Assessment (EA) be directed toward the reasons for the referral (although DIAND realises that the MVRMA section 117 obligates the Review Board to consider other factors as well to some degree).

With the suggested focus for the EA in mind, it is respectfully suggested that the Review Board's request for a Development Assessment Report (DAR) from Northrock, include a consideration of the company's existing project description as part of the DAR. DIAND supports the Board's consideration of 'appendices' for providing information. This would then allow the Board to request additional information to what is already in the project description, that would assist in determining the significance of public concern issues.

In summary, DIAND feels that it is feasible to meet the Review Board's time line of early August for completion of this EA and we look forward to assisting the Board in its endeavours in this regard. Please do not hesitate to contact me (at 867-669-2597) or Fraser Fairman (867-669-2587) in my absence, if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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