



**May 12, 2003**

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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NESL Ref. 1536NT02

**Attention: Martin Haeefele**

Dear Martin,

**Re: Northrock Summit Creek DAR – Response to the Notice of Non-Conformity**

In response to your correspondence of May 9, 2003, the following additional information is provided:

**H-1 Spatial Assessment Boundary**

The project is contained within an area encompassed by the following coordinates:

SE corner 64° 20' North 124° 40' West  
NW corner 64° 26' North 126° 00' West

This area encompasses:

- The staging area at the mouth of the Keele River;
- The Summit Creek B-44 wellsite;
- Existing cutlines and trails forming the access route; and,
- Access from the east bank of the Mackenzie to the KP160 temporary storage site.

The assessment of impacts associated with this project is limited to the immediate vicinity (within 500m) of the activity for the following reasons:

- The project will not create any significant additional disturbance and will use existing cutlines and trails and only short detours will be cleared on steep hills;
- Sensory disturbance to wildlife is anticipated to be noise and traffic that will be restricted to the vicinity of the staging area, the wellsite, and the access route.

## H-2 Temporal Assessment Boundary

The project is anticipated to commence on September 15, 2003 with the staging of equipment by barge at the mouth of the Keele River. Access construction will commence in November with the rig move-in planned for January, 2004. Drilling will take place from the middle of January to early March with the demobilization of equipment completed by March 21, 2004. The timeline has been planned to accommodate a 3000m deep well. If there are delays to the drilling program, Northrock may elect to do one of the following:

- Complete the drilling program by extending operations to the first week of April, 2003 and move the drilling rig to temporary storage at the Enbridge KP160 Remote Valve Site. The rig would then be barged out in the summer of 2004.
- If total depth is not reached after extending the drilling program, Northrock may demobilize the drilling rig to the KP 160 Remote Valve Site for temporary storage. A decision will then be made to either, stack the rig for the summer and re-mobilize in the winter of 2004/2005 to complete the well, or to abandon the project. If the drilling operation is resumed, a similar timeline to the 2003/2004 season would be followed. If the project is abandoned the equipment will be barged out in the summer of 2004.

I trust this additional information meets your requirements. Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please contact the undersigned at (403) 543-5353 or by e-mail: [bob@envirosearch.ca](mailto:bob@envirosearch.ca).

Sincerely,  
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