



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Subject: Responses to Request for Ruling – Paramount Cameron Hills EA

NOTES:

All responses to the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation's Request for Ruling are attached.

Regards,

Martin Haefele, EAO

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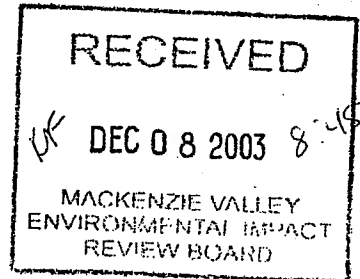
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December 4th, 2003

Vern Christensen
Executive Director
Mackenzie Valley Environmental
Impact Review Board
Yellowknife, N.T.



Via Fax Only: (867) 766-7074

Dear Mr. Christensen,

Re: Cameron Hills Extension EA - Paramount Resources:

Please be advised that the Fort Providence Metis are in support of Kaa Gee Tu First Nation's (letter signed by Councillor Allen Landry) request to have Todd Burlingame removed from the Review Board per the reasons cited in their December 2nd, 2003 letter to you.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Albert J. Lafferty, President
Fort Providence Metis Council
- Local No. 57

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Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council

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December 10th, 2003

FAO: Vern Christensen – Executive Director

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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Yellowknife,

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FROM: Berna Landry – Chief, DGGDC

MESSAGE:

Please find attached a letter regarding Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nations call for a ruling in the Paramount EA.

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December 10th, 2003

FAO: Mr Vern Christensen – Executive Director – by fax (867) 766-7074

Dear Mr Christensen:

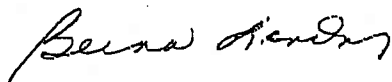
Request for Ruling in the Paramount EA

The Deh Gah Got'ie Dene Council (DGGDC) is prompted to write to you regarding the conduct of members of the Review Board. It has come to our attention that Todd Burlingame, the Chair of the Review Board has held private meetings with Paramount's Shirley Maaskant to discuss the status of the EA.

Such unethical practices are not acceptable to the DGGDC. It not only brings into question the motives of Todd Burlingame, but also threatens the integrity of the Review Board and Process as a whole. How can a public servant in such a position protect the interests of affected communities with such a biased unfair approach? Todd Burlingame has betrayed our trust.

We understand Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation (KTFN) has already submitted a Request for a Ruling to the Review Board asking that Todd Burlingame, the Chair of the Review Board, be removed from the Paramount EA. The DGGDC support the request for a ruling on this matter. At the very least Todd Burlingame must be removed from the Paramount EA.

Yours sincerely



Chief Berna Landry

cc: Chief Roy Fabien
Chief Bobby Cayen Jr.
Chief Lloyd Chicot
Kelly Pennycook, DCFN
Joe Acorn, Environmental and Regulatory Consultant

December 8, 2003

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Attention: Vern Christensen, Executive Director

Dear Sir:

**Re: Paramount Cameron Hills Extension EA 03-005
Request for Ruling**

Reference is made to the December 2, 2003 letter addressed to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and signed by Alan Landry, Councilor and Oil and Gas Advisor for Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation. We take strong exception to a number of statements made in this letter.

To assist the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board ("MVEIRB") in its deliberation on this matter, please note that my interaction with Mr. Burlingame has been as follows:

1. I received a telephone call from Joe Acorn on or about October 29, 2003 at which time I confirmed that I would be attending meetings in Yellowknife on October 30 & 31, 2003 along with several members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers ("CAPP") Northern Executive Policy Group. All meetings were being arranged by CAPP and might involve separate meetings with the GNWT, regulators such as the National Energy Board, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, and, possibly a breakfast meeting with Mr. Burlingame.
2. I participated in meetings with the CAPP President and Northern Executive Policy Group members on October 30 and 31 as follows:

October 30; Chamber of Commerce luncheon; a multi-regulator meeting; followed by a cocktail reception. Mr. Burlingame was present at the reception and at one point I joined a group that he was in conversation with. When the other participants moved on, Mr. Burlingame immediately indicated to me before any further discussion took place, that it would be inappropriate to discuss business since Paramount's Cameron Hills project was currently in environmental

assessment. I acknowledged this fact and our discussion focused on recreational activities.

October 31; I participated in a breakfast meeting with the CAPP President and Northern Executive Policy Group members and Mr. Burlingame. Paramount's Cameron Hills environmental assessment was not on the agenda of the meeting. A meeting with several representatives of Government of the Northwest Territories followed.

3. Joe Acorn telephoned me on November 3, 2003 inquiring if Mr. Burlingame had his opportunity to complain to industry about all of his troubles. I informed Joe Acorn that CAPP members attended a breakfast meeting with Mr. Burlingame seeking confirmation that the MVEIRB regulatory process timeline was not unduly affected by recent Board changes, in particular the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Project and that Mr. Burlingame confirmed that the MVEIRB was continuing to process applications in a timely manner.

We are aware of the rules governing communication with Board members during the environmental assessment process and did not and would not have or attempted to have, any communication with any Board member that would prejudice that process. We have not compromised Mr. Burlingame's independence and there are no grounds to the allegations raised by Alan Landry. To the contrary, we believe that Mr. Burlingame has acted appropriately and remains impartial.

We are concerned however that Alan Landry and Joe Acorn have attempted to affect a decision, not on the merits, but through creating unfounded allegations of impropriety.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should further clarification be required.

Yours truly,
PARAMOUNT RESOURCES

Shirley Maaskant
Regulatory & Community Affairs Coordinator