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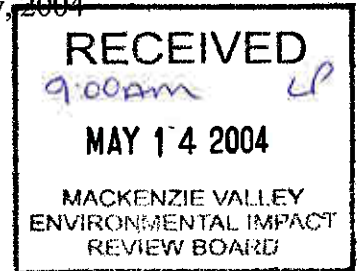
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Attention: Alan Ehrlich  
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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the MVEIRB Environmental Assessment of Land Use Permit Application (MV2003F0045) and Water License Application (MV2003L8-0012): 2004 Winter Field Geotechnical Investigation Program - Deh Cho Region

Mr. Ehrlich,

Thank you for forwarding to me via fax on 7 May 2004 the public record of comment letters on the draft terms of reference for the environmental assessment of our proposed geotechnical investigation program in the Deh Cho. Included in that material was a letter from the Deh Cho First Nations Pipeline Working Group (PWG) dated 4 May 2004. Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (IORVL) would like to restate our position on the terms of reference as originally outlined in my letter to you dated 30 April 2004.

Specifically, it is the view of IORVL that the expansion of scope suggested by the PWG not warranted for a program of this nature. In both of the last two years, IORVL has successfully conducted this type of work in a safe and environmentally responsible manner in the Northwest Territories. This work was conducted to the satisfaction of the regulators and communities in those jurisdictions without the need for any environmental assessment at all.

IORVL is very concerned about the schedule implications associated with the expansion of scope proposed by the PWG. Such scope expansions, and any subsequent extension of the duration of the environmental assessment would seriously impact our ability to conduct the proposed program this coming winter. Information from this program would be used to improve the design and execution plans for the Mackenzie Gas Project.

I trust this comment will assist the Review Board in finalizing the terms of reference for the environmental assessment. I look forward to the timely decision of the Review Board.

Sincerely,

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## Alan Ehrlich

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Response to Deh  
Cho ToR Letter...

Alan,

I have attached a letter which emphasizes the concerns of Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited regarding the draft scope of the environmental assessment for our proposed geotechnical investigation program in the Deh Cho. I understand that the Review Board will be meeting next week to consider all of the input they have received on the draft terms of reference. We look forward to the timely release of the final terms of reference by the Review Board.

(See attached file: Response to Deh Cho ToR Letter.doc)

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