



**SAHTU Land & Water Board
REASONS FOR DECISION
Issued Pursuant to Section 121 of
The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act**

Land Use Permit Number: S02A-004 (Type "A")

This is the decision of the SAHTU Land & Water Board with respect to an application for an amendment to the Land Use Permit S02A-004 dated, October 14, 2004 by:

Northrock Resources Ltd.
3500, 700 - 2nd Street SW
Calgary, Alberta
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To construct a winter airstrip approximately 0.5 km South of the Keele River Staging Area, south west of Tulita, NT.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 8 organizations within the Sahtu and 5 outside of the Settlement area in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this application.

DECISION

The Board is satisfied that the project has had a Preliminary Screening pursuant to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and that the Board believes that the proposed project is likely to be a source of significant public concern. The Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and Regulations made thereunder has determined that:


The Board under MVRMA Section 125 (1) (a) (b) shall: Refer it to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for an Environmental Assessment because there is public concern.

The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

1. Information contained in Staff Report (4) S02A-004 relative to environmental impacts and/or public concerns.
2. The Tulita District Land Corporation raised concerns about the Keele River area where people harvest moose for their personal use. This area is also known to be a good stopping area for the migratory birds in the springtime. The possibility of causing disturbance to the wildlife habitat and the construction of the airstrip would make significant impact and make changes to the surrounding environment and this would not be acceptable to the people of Tulita. Specific methods proposed in the application may result in adverse environmental impacts

The Board will provide any referenced material or documents and/or reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained within the application if requested to do so in writing.

SIGNED this 12th day of November, 2004 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.



 Larry Wallace (Chairman)
 SAHTU Land & Water Board