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Mr. Patrick Duxbury
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Impact Review Board
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VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Mr. Duxbury:

Paramount Resources Ltd, EA0506-007
SDL 8 2-D Geophysical Program

Please find attached, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) response to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) Round 2 Information Requests for the environmental assessment of Paramount Resources Ltd's SDL 8 2-D Seismic Program.

If the Review Board has any questions or require additional information with respect to the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact me at 920-6106.

Sincerely

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Attachment



**EA0506-007 Paramount SDL 8, 2D Geophysical Program
Information Requests**

IR Number: IR0506-007-30
Source: Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation
To: Government of Northwest Territories
Reference: GNWT response to IR 0506-07-7

Preamble

The GNWT discussed the potential impacts of the project upon forest resources.

Request

1. Does the GNWT have any direct control over Paramount's timber cutting activities, such as through a permit of license, or does the GNWT have to rely on other organizations such as the MVLWB and the NEB? Is there any financial charge to Paramount for cutting of timber given that a portion of the allowable harvest is being lost to this project? What rights does Paramount have respect to the use of cut timber?

GNWT Response

The GNWT does not have any direct control over Paramount's timber cutting activities. There are no permits or licensing required.

There is no financial charge to Paramount for cutting timber at this time.

Paramount has the responsibility to minimize damage to the forest and to find the best use for timber that is damaged.

Request

2. Does the GNWT (or the MVLWB or the NEB) have the authority to require Paramount to conduct tree planting to expedite the revegetation of the seismic lines? If yes, please provide a description of the tree planting program that would be appropriate for this project.

GNWT Response

The GNWT does not have the authority to require Paramount to conduct tree planting.