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RE:

Environmental Assessment EA0506-007:

Paramount SDL-8 2-D Geophysical Program

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Please see attached correspondence.

Thank you.

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Attention: Martin Haefele

Dear Sir:

Re: Environmental Assessment EA0506-007: Paramount SDL-8 2-D Geophysical Program

We have received the responses to our motion of December 16, and provide the following by way of reply.

With respect to the submissions of Paramount and INAC, we submit that they miss the point. The fundamental rationale for the requested suspension, is that the reconciliation of the Crown's authorization of Paramount's developments in the Cameron Hills with the Ka'a'Gee Tu's constitutionally protected aboriginal and treaty rights, has not been achieved. This Board has twice now determined that specific measures are required in relation to that reconciliation, and twice now the Minister of INAC has disregarded those recommendations. The current litigation squarely addresses the legality of that conduct, and we respectfully submit that the Review Board should not push ahead with yet another stage of development when such fundamental legal and constitutional issues remain outstanding. This position applies regardless of whether the current EA is within or without the cumulative effects assessment area previously considered in EA 05006-07.

With respect to the submissions of the other parties, we note that they do not oppose our motion. On behalf of the Ka'a'Gee Tu First Nation, we appreciate this opportunity to provide our further submissions.

Yours very truly, MANDELL PINDER

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