



November 24, 2003

Sahtu Land and Water Board  
Attention: Patricia McNeely  
P.O. Box 1  
Fort Good Hope, NT  
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**RE: Land Use Permit Application – S03A-008  
Water Licence Application – S03L1-016  
Apache Canada Ltd.  
Nogha/Tunago Lake Drilling Program**


Dear Mrs. McNeely,

The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board has reviewed the land use permit application submitted by Paramount Resources Ltd. on October 2003 and referred to us by your office on November 3, 2003. The Sahtu Land Use Planning Board hereby certifies that there is no approved land use plan for the area affected by the above captioned application. On behalf of the Sahtu Land Use Planning Board, I confirm that the Sahtu Land and Water Board has met the referral obligations to our Board as outlined in the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.

While there is not currently a land use plan in effect for the area in question, a review of our Draft Land use Plan has identified this area as a Special Management Area.

The proposed permit Work Area falls within this Special Management Area. This is a highly valued and intense traditional use area by the people of the Sahtu. Although the designation of Special Management Area does not necessarily exclude various forms of development, the main objectives of such an area are:

- To maintain traditional use
- To maintain regional travel corridors
- To protect heritage and cultural values
- To protect burial and archaeological sites
- To protect important fish, wildlife and waterfowl habitats
- To allow for development while preserving other significant values



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Fort Good Hope office by telephone at: 598-2055.

Yours Truly,

Raymond Taniton  
Chairperson

