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November 13, 2020

Dear John Hawkins:

**Application for an Operations Authorization
Complete and Request for Non-Disclosure (OA-2020-001-PAR)**

On November 13, 2020, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received an application for an Operations Authorization for the abandonment of four wells in the Fort Liard area from Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount).

I have reviewed the contents of the application package and confirm that it is complete.

However, I note that Paramount's application contains an *Information Disclosure Consent Form* (appendix 9), in which Paramount indicates that it does not consent to the disclosure of information on Proof of Financial Responsibility.

On June 23, 2020, the amended *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA) came into effect and, with it, significant changes to the treatment of information submitted to the Regulator for the purposes of OGOA. Section 22(2) of OGOA states that all such information shall be made public, unless it contains certain types of information that meet certain requirements. OROGO has issued [Public Access to Information Guidelines and Interpretation Notes](#) (Guidelines) that describe how to apply for information to be deemed confidential by the Regulator. The *Information Disclosure Consent Form* is no longer in effect and does not meet the requirements for requesting confidentiality under OGOA.

I recognize that this is a new process for all concerned. Therefore, I request that Paramount consider its approach to this issue and, if necessary, submit a letter requesting confidentiality, as outlined in the Guidelines, no later than 4 p.m. on November 18, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact OROGO at (867) 767-9097 or oroogo@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

Pauline de Jong
Regulator