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Northrock Response to NEB Information Request No. 1

Please respond directly to the SLWB by 1 September 2004 (tomorrow) and provide a copy to T. M. Baker, Chief Conservation Officer, National Energy Board. If you have any questions regarding this, please call me at (403) 292-6614.

Regards,
John Koroc

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Mr. Laprise:

**Northrock Resources Ltd . Proposed Tulita, NT area Winter 2004/2005 Drilling Program
 Response to National Energy Board (NEB) Information Request No. 1**

The National Energy Board (NEB) has reviewed the response to NEB's information request dated 20 August 2004 and finds that it is incomplete. Northrock has not explained what caused the melting underneath and in the vicinity of the mud tanks. This would help to determine, in part, what construction methods and ice pad maintenance programs could be developed by Northrock to ensure safety in the event that an ice pad is used. There was no description of construction methods and ice pad maintenance programs provided as requested in NEB's Information Request No. 1.

As indicated in the NEB Information Request No. 1, and supported by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) (letter dated August 25, 2004 to the Sahtu Land and Water Board), ice pads are used regularly, successfully and safely in other northern drilling operations. It is still unclear as to what Northrock is doing differently than other operators with respect to ice pad design, construction and/or operations.

We ask that you provide your response directly to **Ms. Edna Tobac, Land Technician, Sahtu Land and Water Board by 1 September 2004.** Please provide a copy to Terry Baker, Chief Conservation Officer, NEB. Should you have any questions or require more clarification regarding the attached request for information, please contact me at (403) 292-6614.

Yours truly,

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