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January 13, 2023

Dear John Hawkins:

Inspection of the Liard M-25 Well (WID1867) and Facilities

On July 20, 2022, Mr. Brian Heppelle, Safety Officer and Conservation Officer under section 105 of the *Oil and Gas Operations Act*, inspected the Liard M-25 well (WID1867) and associated facilities, operated by Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount). Mr. Heppelle has since left the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO). He did not complete an *OROGO Well Inspection Summary Report* for the Liard M-25 well inspection before he left.

In the absence of an *OROGO Well Inspection Summary Report*, I am sharing the results of our review of Mr. Heppelle's field notes and photographs taken during the inspection.

Mr. Heppelle's notes indicate that the Liard M-25 well and associated facilities were in satisfactory condition except:

- The well sign is not compliant with OROGO's requirements.
- The wind indicator is missing.
- There is lube oil on the floor of the pump building (reported as near-miss NM-2022-001 and addressed through the incident and near-miss reporting process).

On November 15, 2022, Paramount submitted a *Well Inspection Report* for the Liard M-25 well, which indicated that the issues with the well sign and wind indicator noted above had not been addressed. A functioning wind indicator is necessary to ensure safe access to the wellsite and must be installed during Paramount's next visit to the site. When the Liard M-25 well is abandoned in the summer of 2023, Paramount must install an abandoned well marker as required under the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*.

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If you have any questions about the results of this inspection, please contact OROGO at orogo@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9097.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pauline de Jong', written in a cursive style.

Pauline de Jong
Regulator