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January 14, 2021

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips:

**Preliminary Screening Determination: Application to Add the Mount Coty I-02 Well (WID1884) to Operations Authorization OA-2020-001-PAR**

On January 6, 2021, the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) received a request from Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) to vary the scope of work of Operations Authorization OA-2020-001-PAR to include the abandonment of the Mount Coty I-02 well (WID1884) in addition to the four well abandonments in the Fort Liard area already identified.

On December 4, 2020, I determined that the activities originally proposed under OA-2020-001-PAR are exempt from preliminary screening as per Schedule 1, Paragraph 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations under the MVRMA, as they were previously subject to preliminary screening by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) under Land Use Permit MV2013A0013 and Water Licence MV2013L1-0003.

The abandonment of the Mount Coty I-02 well was permitted by the MVLWB under Land Use Permit MV2016A0010, which was deemed exempt from preliminary screening by the MVLWB as it was previously screened under MV2002A0038.

Therefore, I have determined that Paramount's proposed amendment to OA-2020-001-PAR is also exempt from preliminary screening as per Schedule 1, Paragraph 2.1 of the Exemption List Regulations under the MVRMA.

Please contact me at (867) 767-9097 or by email at [oro.go@gov.nt.ca](mailto:oro.go@gov.nt.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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