



September 26, 2023

Terence Hughes  
Regulatory and Community Affairs Advisor  
Paramount Resources Ltd.  
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Dear Terence:

**Request for Approval of a Benefits Plan relating  
to the proposed projects in Colville Lake and East MacKay I-78**

The Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment has responsibility for administering oil and gas benefits plans on petroleum lands as outlined in the Northwest Territories *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA). As per OGOA 17(2) no authorization of work or activity may be issued until the Minister has approved a benefits plan in respect of the work or activity.

In response to the request for approval of two abandonment program benefits plans submitted, on behalf of MGM Energy Ltd. (MGM), dated August 26, 2022, and June 2023, for the Colville Lake and East MacKay I-78, I inform you that I approve the proposed Benefits Plans submitted by MGM, with the request that MGM submits a relevant report on the implementation of the Benefits Plan.

Please reach out to the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Division team, should you require further assistance. Johnny Lennie, Oil and Gas Rights Manager, can be reached at (867) 678-8024 extension 63671 or [Johnny.Lennie@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Johnny.Lennie@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

Caroline Wawzonek  
Minister  
Industry, Tourism and Investment