Engagement Plan Fort Liard South, NWT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) is a leading, independent Canadian energy company that is focused on responsibly developing its world-class portfolio of diverse resource plays while consistently building value for shareholders. Paramount develops, produces and markets natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. With daily production now nearing 100,000 Boe/d since the acquisition of Apache Canada Ltd. (ACL) and merger with Trilogy Energy Corp

Paramount holds mineral rights in the Liard area under several Significant Discovery Licences and Production Licences. These rights were acquired through several different corporate transactions, including but not limited to, oil and gas rights sales, farm-ins and purchases from other oil and gas companies. Most recently, through the acquisition of ACL, Paramount became the operator of Pointed Mountain and has recently transferred approvals related to those properties into Paramount's name.

As a result of the acquisition of these various rights, and numerous subsequent regulatory approvals, Paramount is an operator of oil and gas activity in the Liard Area of the Northwest Territories. Paramount divides the Liard area into four project areas: Liard West, Liard South, Liard East and Pointed Mountain. In appendix A of this document is an area overview map, along with a project specific map and below is an overview of the project area.

LIARD SOUTH

Paramount Resources Ltd. (Paramount) is the operator of the Liard South Project, which encompasses winter access roads; well sites, decommissioned pipeline, barge landing, camp and decking sites; and various borrow pits, sumps and other clearings. Three wells (F-36, O-35 and N-01) were tied-in to the pipeline system, the main stem of which runs 26km from well site F-36 to a compressor station in British Columbia (Maxhamish d-36-I) and is known as the Shiha Pipeline (see Appendix A for Fort Liard South Asbuilt June 2017 map). This trans-border pipeline is operated by Shiha Energy Transmission Ltd., a partnership between the Acho Dene Koe Band and Paramount.

Poor economic conditions (*i.e.* low gas production rates and market value) prompted Paramount to suspend production late in 2007 and then to formally deactivate the project in April 2008 (according to National Energy Board (NEB) miscellaneous order MO-09-2008, which allows the deactivation of the pipeline until such time as the NEB approves its abandonment). In the 2016-2017 Paramount abandoned and decommissioned numerous sites. At this time, the Liard South Project is not operating except for on-going surveillance and environmental monitoring.

2.0 **REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

In the Liard project area Paramount receives oil and gas approvals from the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO), except for the Shiha Pipelijne which is regulated by the National Energy

Board. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) regulates the use of land and water and the deposit of waste through the issuance of Land Use Permits (LUPs) and Water Licences (WLs).

On June 1, 2013 the MVWLB released its *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Water Licences and Land Use Permits,* this engagement plan is designed based upon the requirements of those guidelines and the regulatory mandate of the MVLWB.

2.1 ASSESSMENT PROCESSES

The Liard South project area has been the subject of an Environmental Assessment processes and preliminary screening prior to licencing and permitting of activity. In 1998 an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) focusing on two exploratory wells (F-36 and I-03); using existing cut lines for access and locating work camps/staging area was conducted. Also, in 1998 an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) focusing on four exploratory wells (A-01, K-46, C-02 and P-57); it included winter access roads, all on existing cut lines; siting four temporary work camps and using borrow pits. In 1999 an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) focusing on ten exploratory wells (O-35, G-35, E-37, M-25, I-46, G-47, I-23, L-24, C-58, C-02 and I-02); the barge landing, nine camp sites; 34.6km access plus 3.3km winter road; a water well; surface water withdrawal and borrow pits. A Heritage Resources Impact Assessment was conducted by Paramount for Fort Liard Drilling Project and NWT Portion of the Shiha Pipeline Project NWT Archaeologist's Permit 99-890 in 2000. It is important to note that several of the components that were assessed were never permitted, licenced or built.

In support and as outcomes of the above-mentioned assessment processes several engagement studies were conducted by Paramount and previous operators, an example is listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Engagement Studies

Kotchea, J. and Sawicki, O.1999. Report on TraditionalKnowledge of Natural andCultural Resources Withinthe Porposed AccessRoad/Well Site CorridorBetween Fort Liard, NWTand Maxhamish Lake, B.C.
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2.2 LICENCES AND PERMITS

The Liard South area has had activity pre-dating the creation of the MVLWB under the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act. Permits and licences from the MVLWB to Paramount date back to the year 2000. Permitting and licencing activities have continued through the life of the project area at South Liard and is in the third permit and licence cycle, soon to be fourth. These historical permits and licences had a much larger scope of activities associated with them then is approved currently. In the Table below is a listing of Paramount's previous LUPs and WLs in the Liard area.

MV2002A0038	
MV2002L1-0004	
MV2009A0017	
MV2009L1-0006	

Table 2: Historical LUPs and WLs

The above LUPs and WLs are publicly available via the MVLWB Public Registry (<u>http://www.mvlwb.ca/Boards/mv/SitePages/registry.aspx</u>), including the engagement work associated with each LUP and WL. Examples of the consultation logs submitted in support of LUP and WL applications are in Appendix B.

Table 3 below lists Paramount's current LUPs and WLs for the Liard South Project Area. Given the current state of the project (built and in some instances decommissioned and/or suspended) the scope of the LUPs and WLs are very limited. Activities contemplated include camps, access, suspensions and abandonments, reclamation and remediation. It is important to note that OROGO is the regulator for the down-hole activities of suspension and abandonment (except the Shiha pipeline): however, surface use, waste disposal and water use for these activities is within the jurisdiction of the MVLWB.

Table 3: Current LUP and WL

Liard South	Public Registry Link
MV2016A0010	https://mvlwb.com/registry/MV2016A0010
MV2016L1-0002	https://mvlwb.com/registry/MV2016L1-0002

3.0 AFFECTED PARTIES ENGAGEMENT

An affected party is defined as "a party that is predicted to be affected by a proposed Project, such as an Aboriginal organization/government, an individual occupying land for traditional purposes, a private landowner, or lease holder (e.g., for a lodge)."¹ As previously stated and is evident on the public registries

¹ Engagement and Consultation Policy

of the MVLWB, Paramount's Liard South Project has a long and extensive engagement history. Paramount's level of engagement with affected parties has been and will continue to be reflective of its activity level in the area. Prior to and during construction and development activities engagement activities were more frequent and intense and included studies, community meetings, open houses, meetings with Chief and Councils, telephone calls and both written and electronically notifications. As the activity in the Project areas have declined the frequency and magnitude of engagement has followed suit.

3.1 LIST OF IDENTIFIED AFFECTED PARTIES

In Table 4 below is a list of identified affected parties for the Liard South project area:

Affected Party	Contact Person(s)	Contact Information
Acho Dene Koe First Nation	Chief Gene Hope	General Delivery,
		Fort Liard, NT
		X0G 0A0
		867-770-4571
		chief@adkfirstnation.ca
		62 Baker Street
		Guelph, Ontario
Acho Dene Koe First Nation	Director: Scott Mackay	N1H 4G1
Land Services c/o Shared	Manager: Meghan Buckham	226-706-888
Value Solutions		(ext. 102 and 108)
		lands@adkfirstnation.ca
Acho Dene Koe Corporate	Tom Wezelman	General Delivery,
Group		Fort Liard, NT
		X0G 0A0
		867-770-4571
		TomWezelman@adkcorporate.ca
		General Delivery,
ADK Haldings Itd		Fort Liard, NT
ADK Holdings Ltd.	Jodi Carlow	X0G 0A0
		(250) 727-5903
		JCarlow@jbts.ca
	Grand Chief Gladys Norwegian	PO BOX 89
	and Regional Technical	Fort Simpson, NT
Dehcho First Nations	Coordinator Nicole Hardisty	XOE ONO
		867-695-2610
		Nicole_Hardisty@dehcho.org
		PO BOX 958
		High Level, AB

Table 4: Affected Parties for the Liard South Project Area

June 5, 2018 https://glwb.com/sites/default/files/mvlwb_engagement_and_consultation_policy_-_nov_25_19.pdf

Dene Tha First Nation	Chief James Ahnassay	TOH 1ZO 780-926-2422 James.Ahnassay@denetha.ca
Dene Tha First Nation	Fred Didzena Director of Lands Department	PO Box 120 Chateh, AB TOH 0S0 780-321-3774 Fred.Didzena@denetha.ca
Hamlet of Fort Liard	Mayor Hilary Deneron and Senior Administrative Officer John McKee	General Delivery Fort Liard, NT XOG 0A0 867-770-4104 <u>web@fortliard.com</u> sao@fortliard.com
Sambaa K'e First Nation	Chief Dolphus Jumbo	PO Box 10 Trout Lake, NT XOE 1Z0 Tel: (867) 206-2800 chief@sambaakefn.com
Sambaa K'e First Nation	Jessica Jumbo Environmental Coordinator	PO Box 10 Trout Lake, NT X0E 1Z0 Tel: (867) 206-2800 environment@sambaakefn.com
Sambaa K'e First Nation	Ruby Jumbo Executive Director	PO Box 10 Trout Lake, NT XOE 1Z0 Tel: (867) 206-2800 manager@sambaakefn.com
Sambaa K'e First Nation (Planit North Inc.)	Christine Wenman Lands, Resources and Environment Advisor	1st Floor, 4501 – 50th Avenue Yellowknife, NT Tel: (867) 445-4127 christine@planitnorth.ca
Sambaa K'e Development Corporation	Brenda Jumbo Manager	PO Box 10 Trout Lake, NT XOE 1Z0 Tel: (867) 206-2800 sdkcorp@yahoo.ca

3.2 **ONGOING ENGAGEMENT**

Paramount plans on closing the Liard South project area in the near term, as a result, ongoing engagement activities are expected to be focused on those activities. As a result, engagement activities for MVLWB regulated activities are expected to focus on closure and reclamation over the course of the

current LUPs and WLs terms. Contemplated activities and the associated engagement are outlined in Table 5 below. The ordering of Table 5 is sequential from the most likely to least likely activity.

Activity	Potential Issue(s)	Planned Engagement	Planned Engagement Follow-up
LUP Replacement Application	Paramount's short and long-term plan for the project area. Effectiveness of current conditions and plans	Written Notification	Telephone Calls and Electronic correspondence
WL Replacement Application	Paramount's short and long-term plan for the project area. Effectiveness of current conditions and plans	Written Notification	Telephone Calls and Electronic correspondence
Reclamation and remediation planning and activities	Timing, techniques, technology and contracting opportunities	Written Notification, electronic correspondence, MVLWB regulatory process. 60 days notification prior to site activities.	Telephone Calls and in person (face to face and virtual) meetings
OROGO Authorized Oil and Gas Activities	Timing and Contracting opportunities	Written Notification 60 days prior to activity	Telephone Calls and Electronic correspondence
Spill (Acho Dene Koe)	Location, size and response actions	Written Notification	Telephone calls and electronic correspondence

Table 5: Activities Requiring Engagement

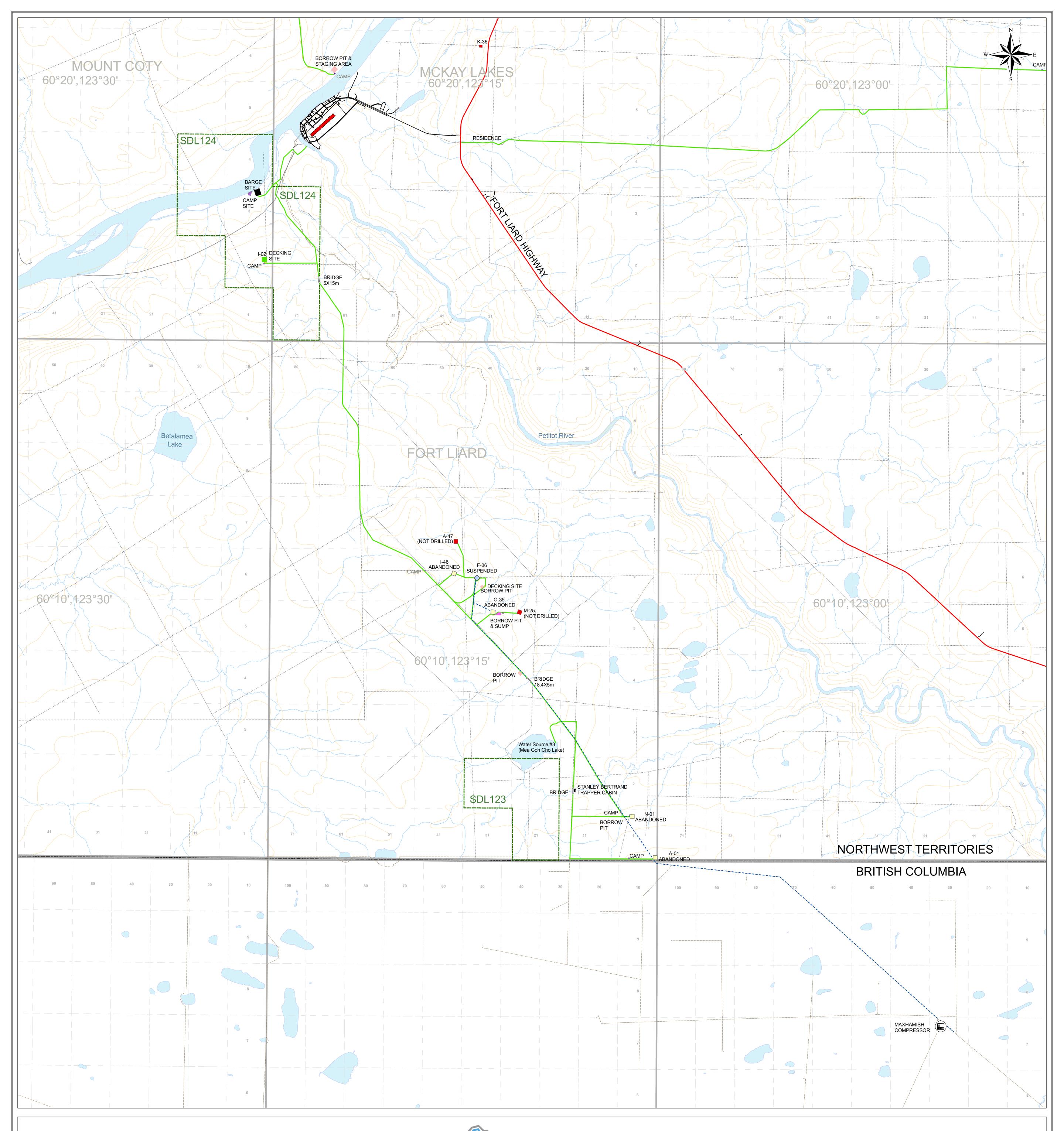
Ongoing engagement is expected to continue with all the affected parties identified in Table 4.

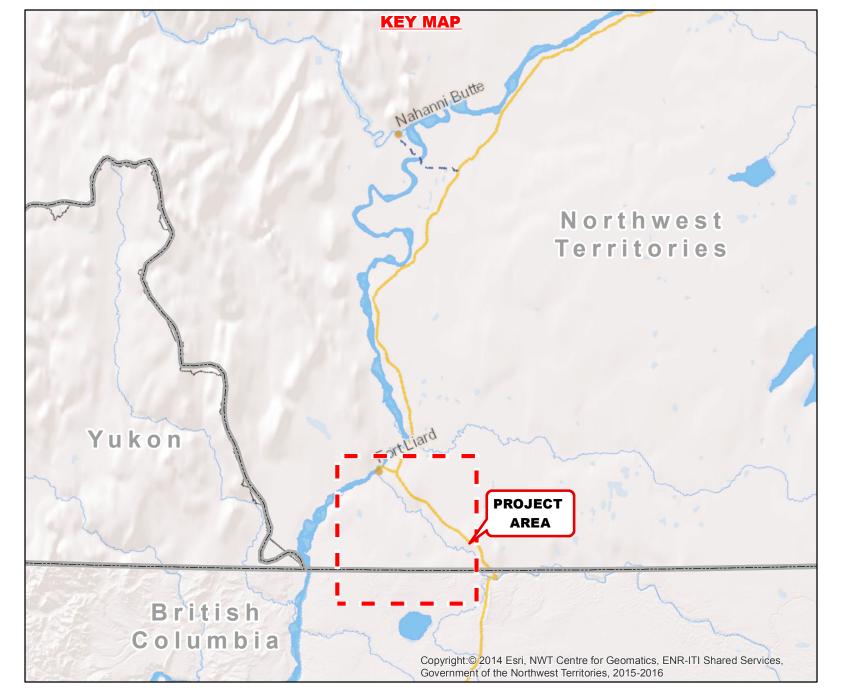
4.0 **CONCLUSION**

Paramount will continue to engage affected parties through the remaining life of its current LUPs and WLs and throughout the remaining life of the Liard South project area. In support of regulatory

submissions to the MVLWB Paramount will continue to provide documentation of Paramount's engagement activities relating to the MVWLB regulatory authority.

5.0 APPENDIX A: AS BUILT MAPS







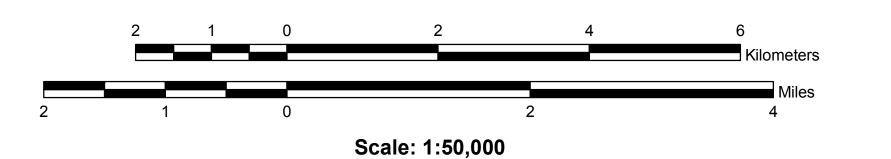
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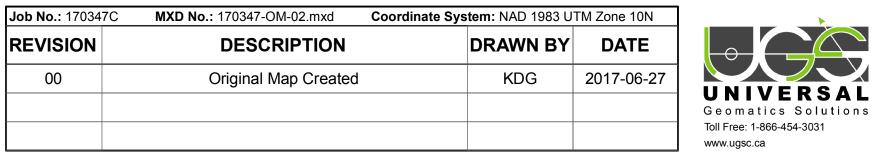
As-Build June 2017 60°20', 123°30" to 60°10", 123°00' NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

	Legend	
Leases	Gathering System	Transportation
Abandoned	Built	—— Highway
Built	Not Used	Old Paramount Ice Road
Built - Tied-in	Not Built	Road
Foreign	Foreign	Trail
Reclaimed	Access Roads	Cut Line
Suspended	Access Built	Boundaries
Facilities	—— Access Foreign	SDL Lands
Camp - Built	Road	Provinical Boundaries
///// Camp - Foreign	Built	Contours
Battery - Built	E Foreign	Hydrography
Sump - Built	≍ Bridge	S Waterbody
Borrow Pit - Built	Gas Plant / Compressor	Watercourse
Decking Site - Built	Cabins	

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6.0 APPENDIX B: CONSULTATION LOGS

Liard South Engagement Plan Consultation Log			
Contact	Contact Method	Date	Summary of Discussion
List of Affected Parties identified in the Liard South			Paramount Resources Ltd. ("Paramount") sent out a cover email and a project specific updated
Engagement Plan	Email	January 15, 2021	engagement plan via email to affected parties
Boyd Clark, Advisor (Acting Band Manager) on behalf of Acho Dene Koe First Nation	Email	February 8, 2021	Acho Dene Koe First Nation is not a stakeholder in this process, we are rights holders and have a special relationship with the Crown owing to Treaty and inherent rights enshrined in the Constitution and should be identified as such consistently in the plan. In Section 2.1-Table 1 Engagement Studies, Acho Dene Koe First Nation requests that Paramount support and provide capacity for updated Traditional Knowledge and Land Use (TKLU) activities as required to support assessment of potential impacts.In Section 3.1-Table 4, Acho Dene Koe First Nation requests that engagement with our economic development corporation, be directed at ADK Holdings Ltd. ADK Holdings Ltd. – Jodi Carlow, General Delivery, Fort Liard, NT, XOG 0A0 (250) 727-5903 JCarlow@jbts.ca. In Section 3.2 -Table 5, under the potential issues' column for the Land Use Plan and Water License applications, please include an assessment of the effectiveness of existing permit conditions and monitoring plans in mitigating impacts to Treaty and Aboriginal rights and interests.
Chief Gene Hope, Acho Dene Koe First Nation List of Affected Parties identified in the Liard South	Email		Paramount provided a response to ADKFN via email and made some alterations to the Engagement Plan as a result of the feedback prior to submitting to the MVLWB. Paramount updated the heading on Table 4, added the additonal contact for ADK holdings Ltd. to Table 4 and added wording to Table 5. Paramount suggested pursuing funding with the GNWT and Canada. Paramount also provided information regarding the Guidelines it was working under and the associated definitions. Paramount sent out a notification letter and a updated project specific updated engagement plan via email to affected parties to inform them of the intention to apply for a new Land Use Permit and Water
Engagement Plan	Email	January 15, 2021	Licence in the coming weeks.

Boyd Clark, Advisor (Acting Band Manager) on behalf of Acho Dene Koe First Nation Email February 8, 2021 Aborigina Paramou to be affi occupyin Paramou the refer funding r Governm additions and mon ADKFN ir reports, J	
Paramou to be affe occupyin Paramou the refer funding r Governm additiona and mon ADKFN ir reports,	At Paramojunt an email with a letter that stated, "to support a meaningful consultation and fully d decision-making process, we request the following amendments to the Engagement Plan: Dene Koe First Nation is not a stakeholder in this process, we are rights holders and have a special ship with the Crown owing to Treaty and inherent rights enshrined in the Constitution and should tified as such consistently in the plan. tion 2.1-Table 1 Engagement Studies, we require of Paramount to support and provide capacity for d Traditional Knowledge and Land Use (TKLU) activities as required to support assessment of al impacts. tion 3.1-Table 4, Acho Dene Koe First Nation require an engagement with our economic ment corporation, be directed at ADK Holdings Ltd. loldings Ltd. – Jodi Carlow, General Delivery, Fort Liard, NT, XOG 0A0 (250) 727-5903 @jbts.ca tion 3.2 -Table 5, under the potential issues' column for the LUP and WL applications include eness of existing permit conditions and monitoring plans in mitigating impacts to Treaty and hal rights and interests."
Dene Koe First NationEmailFebruary 18, 2021permits.	unt responded to the correspondence from ADK of February 8th with a letter sent via email. unt has included ADK as an "Affected Party", defined in the Guidelines as "a party that is predicted fected by a proposed Project, such as an Aboriginal organization/government, an individual ng land for traditional purposes, a private landowner, or lease holder (e.g., for a lodge)." unt has used this definition and term throughout the Engagement Plan. Paramount has removed rence to stakeholder in Table 4 of each of the plans. Paramount suggests that ADKFN pursue TKLU requests relating to reclamation and remediation in ADKFN's traditional territory with both the ment of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada. Paramount will add the hal contact to Table 4. In response to the comment regarding an assessment of permit conditions nitoring plans, please refer to the processes and opportunities that the MVLWB provides for input on the effectiveness of existing permit conditions and monitoring plans. Through annual plan updates, permit extensions, permit renewals and licence renewals, ADKFN can provide nts both to Paramount and the MVLWB on the effectiveness of the current plans, licences and . We have also added this specifically to Engagement Plan Table 5.
List of Affected Parties identified in the Liard SouthParamouEngagement PlanEmailFebruary 26, 2021ADK.	unt distributed an updated Engagement Plan for Liard South that incorporated feedback from