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Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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ATTN: Bob Wooley
Executive Director

Re: Application for a Type A Water Licence in the Dehcho Region

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (Imperial), on behalf of the Mackenzie Valley Aboriginal Pipeline Limited Partnership, ConocoPhillips Canada (North) Limited, Shell Canada Limited and ExxonMobil Canada Properties, encloses 40 copies of an application for a Type A Water Licence in the Dehcho Region.

This application is made pursuant to section 14 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* and section 103 (1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* in support of the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project (the project). The purpose of the project is to develop three onshore gas fields in the Mackenzie Delta and to transport natural gas and natural gas liquids by pipeline to market. Within the Dehcho Region, the project will include:

- a new pipeline corridor extending from the Sahtu Settlement Area to the boundary between the Northwest Territories and Alberta
- two gas compressor stations and one heater station
- borrow sites and infrastructure to support the construction activities

This water licence application is required to permit certain undertakings associated with the project in the Dehcho Region. In particular, the water licence is required to allow:

- water withdrawal from 44 water sources
- the use of water for constructing and maintaining about 252.4 km of winter access roads connecting 42 borrow sites, 44 water sources, infrastructure and facility sites, the pipeline right-of-way and existing transportation corridors
- the use of water for constructing and maintaining about 521.9 km of pipeline right-of-way travel lane from the Sahtu Settlement Area boundary to the Alberta boundary
- the use of water for pressure testing the gas pipeline

- the use of water for installing four horizontal directionally drilled pipeline watercourse crossings and, where required, pipeline road crossings

This application includes updates to information contained in the application for a Type A Water Licence related to an infrastructure site at Camsell Bend. That application, MV2003L1-0009 was filed with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board in July 2003.

Concurrent with the filing of this application, Imperial is submitting an application for a Type A Land Use Permit for activities to be conducted on Crown lands in the Dehcho Region.

In support of this application, Imperial intends to file with the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board certain additional information. This additional information will be filed either prior to conclusion of the regulatory consideration process or in fulfillment of conditions to approvals following completion of the regulatory process. These additional filings include information such as:

- results of detailed environmental and engineering studies where required
- results of Traditional Knowledge studies currently underway
- details of environmental management plans
- water consumption fees

A cheque for \$30.00 is enclosed which represents the application fee.

Please direct any questions relating to this application to J. R. Hawkins at (403) 237-2806, facsimile (403) 237-2208, or email jim.r.hawkins@exxonmobil.com.

Sincerely,

Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited



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ENCL.: Cheque for \$30.00
Application

cc: Northern Gas Project Secretariat w/o attachment