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Joint Review Panel for the Mackenzie Gas Project
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125 Mackenzie Road,
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Attention: Mr. Michel Mantha
Secretary

Attention: Ms. Paula Pacholek
Panel Manager

Re: Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited
Mackenzie Gas Project
Hearing Order GH-1-2004
Project Update

On October 7, 2004, Imperial Oil Resources Ventures Limited (Imperial) submitted to the National Energy Board:

- an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, pursuant to Part III of the *National Energy Board Act*
- an application for authorization of the Mackenzie Gathering System, pursuant to paragraph 5.1(b) of the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act*

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) supporting these applications was also filed with the Joint Review Panel.

Since filing these applications and the EIS, some changes have been made to the proposed design and the location of certain of the Mackenzie gathering system and Mackenzie Valley pipeline facilities.

The changes to the Mackenzie gathering system include:

- relocating the Inuvik area facility about 16 km south
- increasing the length and size of the Storm Hills lateral
- moving some infrastructure sites to support construction of the relocated Inuvik area facility

The changes to the Mackenzie Valley pipeline include:

- increasing the pipeline design pressure from 18.0 MPa to 18.7 MPa
- reducing the number of initial compressor stations from four to three, while maintaining the capability of the pipeline system of about 34 Mm³/d (1.2 Bcf/d)
- shortening the length of the pipeline by about 26 km

- relocating some infrastructure sites to support construction of the revised facility locations
- moving some infrastructure sites to support construction of the relocated compressor stations

Imperial is now submitting a document entitled *Supplementary Information – Project Update* detailing the changes and their associated environmental assessment. An electronic copy of the document is being filed with the NEB and JRP. Hard copies of the document are also being sent via courier.

Any party wishing to receive a CD or hard copy of the Project Update should call 1-866-437-3580 (toll free) to arrange for their copies.

Yours truly,

(original signed by)

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Encl. NEB 25 copies
 JRP 15 copies

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