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Hon. Nellie Cournoyea - Minister
N.W.T. Energy Mines & Petroleum Resources
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Dear Ms. Cournoyea:

In 1989, in conjunction with the applications to the National Energy Board for Export Licences for Mackenzie Delta Gas, we promised that Northerners would be kept informed of any developments with regard to natural gas development and transportation from the Mackenzie Delta. Esso Resources Canada Limited, Foothills Pipeline Ltd, Gulf Canada Resources Limited, Polar, Shell Canada Limited and Interprovincial Pipe Line today signed a Statement of Principles which provides a basis for the six companies to work together to develop a common purpose approach to the planning for a Mackenzie Valley Pipeline to bring gas from the Mackenzie Delta to interconnecting pipelines below the sixtieth parallel.

These Principles form the basis on which the companies will proceed to identify the work tasks required and costs involved in preparing an application to build a pipeline when the market dictates. We will be working with Northerners as each step in this process is considered.

It is important to note that this is not a decision to proceed with an application. If such a decision is made it will be some time in the future and will be based on when the gas is needed in the marketplace.

We would be pleased to discuss with you our progress on a common purpose approach and how we should proceed.

Yours truly,

G.J. Willmon

