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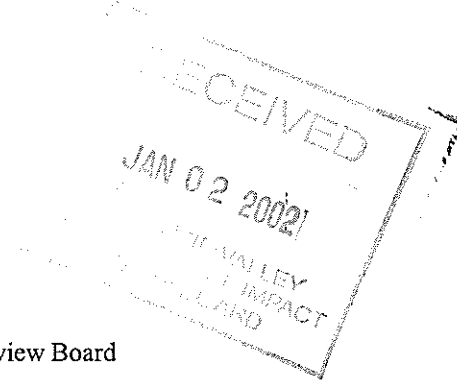
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**Re: Public comments on the Canadian Zinc Corporation Land Use Permit Applications
MV2001 C0023 Underground Decline and Exploration Drilling, and MV2001L2-003
Metallurgical Pilot Plant Program. MVEIRB File 01-002**

Dear Mr. Christensen:

On behalf of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, I am pleased to forward seven letters which were sent to the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs by young Canadians concerned about the future of the Nahanni region.

Please take these letters into consideration when assessing any permit applications for development in the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem.

Sincerely

Alison Woodley
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November 22, 2001

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Re: Threats to the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem

Dear Minister Copps and Minister Nault:

After learning about recent actions and development around the Nahanni Park, I am so disappointed! The ecosystem must be preserved so the Park can survive! Please take action on this: Preserve more area - it's a World Heritage Site: we have a global responsibility. And I must add that as a high school student, it is one of my life-time dreams to hike and canoe in that special place. Please respond; I would appreciate it.

Thank you!

Sincerely

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Nov. 22, 2001.

Dear Hon. Sheila Copps, P.C., M.P.,

My Name is Anita Shlien and I am a 17 year old student in Ottawa.

I'm writing to express my concern about the future of the Nahanni region. I was recently informed that the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem, including the South Nahanni River and Nahanni National Park Reserve is threatened by mining, oil and gas exploration and development. I have always had an interest in nature and the environment, and have this year joined my school environmental club: Lisgar Environmental Action Force (L.E.A.F.).

I realize that Parks Canada has stated their intention to expand the Reserve and that the First Nations want to protect the South Nahanni Watershed for Deh Cho future generations. But I am worried that industrial development near this area will harm it before there is time to protect this Global Natural Heritage area.

Please stop further exploration and development in the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem until it is adequately protected. I would appreciate if you could respond to me as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
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Dear Minister Copps,

Shoddily enough, I am eighteen years old and have never been camping. Though I adore nature and hiking. Recently, however, a friend showed me several rolls of slides that she took during her canoe trip in Nahanni National Park this past summer - it only took a few photos of the river and of Virginia Falls to convince me that I must make the trip someday (hey, if Pierre Trudeau can do it...)

However, I was concerned by the information that Emily gave me regarding the park's current dangers - apparently mining and industrialization in the watershed area are threatening the beauty and sustainability of the Nahanni. As a World Heritage site, the park deserves every protection measure that can be imposed; if the Dehcho First Nation is anxious to protect the site, the government should make every effort to work with them.

Thank you in advance for your time
and, hopefully, for your response.

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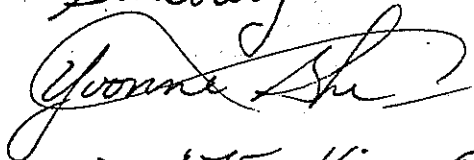
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Dear Minister Copps and Minister Nault:

I am very concerned about the Nahanni region, & am aware that the Nahanni region is threatened by mining and oil and gas development. I understand that opportunities exist in permanently protecting this region, it would mean a lot to many eco-tourists and myself. I hope you look into this important matter.

Sincerely



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November 22, 2001

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada

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Dear Prime Minister Chrétien,

My name is Zoi and I am a 17 year old highschool student in Ottawa. One of the things that I view as being of the utmost importance is the conservation of nature. I feel that if more people were connected with nature, the world would be a more peaceful and friendly place. For me, nature has always allowed me to escape any stresses or problems I have faced and has given me the opportunity not only to become a more calm and serene person, but also to become a dreamer. I feel that such experiences can be helpful in solving problems and connecting with people. With everything that is going in the world today, a more peaceful and friendly connection would benefit everyone in the long run. Please, I urge you, instead of spending money on war, national defence and security, set aside a portion of the Dec. 11 budget to help fund National Parks, so that people can have a place where peace and serenity can be experienced. I would very much like to hear your response to this, and any experience you have had in nature.

Sincerely,

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C.C. The Honourable Paul Martin Minister of Finance

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Re: Threats to the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem

Dear Minister Nault:

I am writing to express my concern about the future of the Nahanni region. I understand that parts of this region is being threatened by mining and oil and gas exploration and development. I understand that there are opportunities for protecting this region and I sincerely hope that you and your departments are working with the interest of this park, and not business, in mind.

Please stop further exploration and development in the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem until protection measures can be more fully discussed.

I look forward to your response on this pressing issue.

Sincerely,

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November 22, 2001

The Hon. Robert Nault, P.C., M.P.
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Re: Threats to the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem

Dear Minister Nault:

I am a sixteen year old highschool student who is very concerned about the environment. In particular, I am writing to express my concern over the future of the Nahanni region. I believe that it is incredibly important to protect this region so that it can be enjoyed by my generation and those of the future.

I understand that Parks Canada intends to expand the Nahanni National Park Reserve and that the Deh Cho First Nations would like to protect the South Nahanni Watershed. However, if the mining, oil and gas exploration continue in the region, irreparably damage will occur.

Minister Nault, I urge you and your departments to work together to protect the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem. Please stop further exploration and development in the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem until interim withdrawal of the lands is complete and protection measures can be more fully discussed.

I look forward to your response on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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