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March 5, 2001

Honourable Robert Nault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
10 Wellington Street, North Tower
Hull, Quebec
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Dear Minister Nault:

# RE: Canadian Zinc Corporation Land Use Permit Application MV20000C0030

I am writing to convey my opposition to the Canadian Zinc Corporation's land use permit application concerning the Prairie Creek mine in the Northwest Territories. The mine is immediately upstream from Nahanni National Park Reserve, and located in the South Nahanni watershed, an area of outstanding conservation value, which the Deh Cho First Nations and others, wish to protect for its cultural and ecological values. The Park Reserve is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a designation which recognizes the area's globally significant wilderness significance.

In my view, there are some places where industrial development simply does not fit in, and the South Nahanni watershed is one of those places. I urge you to deny the mineral exploration drilling program application accordingly. I also ask that you ensure the fuel cache is removed in the most environmentally responsible, safe and timely manner possible.

Further, in order to facilitate the protection of the area's outstanding wilderness values, I urge you to expedite negotiations with the Deh Cho First Nations for interim protection of the South Nahanni watershed through the Deh Cho Process.

Yours sincerely,

Wilderness Supporter

c.c. Louie Azzolini, Environmental Assessment Officer Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Box 938, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7