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Re: Misleading Junk Science Pertaining to the Prairie Creek Mine Development

Dear Minister Nault and Minister Copps:

As a Canadian who cares deeply about Canada's future and the future of my children, I am writing to express my concern about third party self-interest groups such as the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society flooding your office with form letters spouting absolute Junk Science regarding the proposed Prairie Creek Mine Development. The development lies a significant distance outside of the Nahanni National Park boundary and poses no threat to the integrity of the Park.

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board has issued no report which finds that the proposed developments at the Prairie Creek Mine poses any significant threat to water quality in Nahanni National Park. There are no PCBs stored anywhere on the site and no electrical equipment containing PCBs was ever used on the site or reported in any government or private environmental assessments of the project. There are small quantities of assay grade Cyanide stored in unbreakable containers in powder form within secured weather proof buildings on site. There are small quantities of diesel fuel and gasoline stored in clean tanks within a properly bermed and lined containment fixture well away from the creek banks and approved by inspectors from NWT and Federal land use and environmental agencies. Prairie Creek flow monitoring studies show no signs of risk from "flash flooding". The area experienced two large earthquakes in October of 1986 and they resulted in no damage whatsoever to the mine structures or containment fixtures. Earthquakes of similar strength have occurred all over the Western NWT and the Yukon prior to and subsequent to 1986 with the latest occurring near Faro, YT between November 16-December 4, 2002.

Canadian Zinc proposes to extract and sell the antimony in the ore body, thus alleviating any environmental threat from this mineral. In fact the antimony and antimony trioxide market is very attractive these days. Arsenopyrite also occurs with gold in the ore at Prairie Creek. As part of the gold extraction process a roasting circuit will "cook off" the arsenic and it could be sold at market or reclaimed at a hazardous waste reclamation plant in Alberta.

A road to the mine already exists and does not pose any threat at all to the "world renowned" karst formations in the area. In fact it bypasses the formations altogether.

The risk that this project poses to the Nahanni region is minimal and plans for the mitigation of any residual risks are in place and approved by GNWT and the Government of Canada and their respective regulatory branches. The benefits to the villages of Nahanni Butte and Fort Liard are very significant at a time when the only other sources of potential income and employment for their citizens are seasonal and variable in nature.

I ask that you work very hard to ensure that the Prairie Creek project be allowed to proceed despite the lies, unsubstantiated junk science, misleading statements to the media emanating from groups such as CPAWS. Mining and prospecting have a long history in the north and deserve the support and protection of the Government of Canada.

I look forward to your response on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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