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From: Bill Beaton [bbeaton@cadvision.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2001 3:07 PM
To: greg@mvllwb.com
Cc: Nahanni Butte Dene Band
Subject: Canadian Zinc - Parks Canada Intervention

Dear Greg,

The Council for Nahanni Butte were quite disturbed to hear of Parks Canada position to refer these applications to a full environmental review. We would like to receive a copy of their submission to better understand their concerns. We fear that Parks Canada, as an administrative policy of the local officials, is opposing every industrial development without justified and balanced forethought. So far, they have asked for full environmental review on every project in proximity to the Nahanni Reserve: the Explor Data 35 km seismic line, the Canadian Zinc 2000 drilling program, and the Canadian Zinc 2001 applications. We are also aware they have indicated they likely would not support the Arcis seismic program which has yet to be filed with you. The delays and additional cost to proponents, not to mention the impacts for many other Canadians and Nahanni Butte, should not be taken lightly. If this tactic is intended to discourage any project proponents from the area, Parks Canada would be well advised to revisit who they were formed to serve - - all the people of Canada. We believe the actions of Parks Canada should be explained by a policy statement from the responsible Minister. If Parks Canada has legitimate concerns that can be confirmed by other knowledgeable parties, we believe **conditions** could be set in the MVLWB permits to eliminate or mitigate the identified risks.

We can only encourage the MVLWB to independently assess the applications with the information and knowledge available to the Board. We would also encourage the Board to condemn any intervenors who do not act in good faith and to dismiss any intervenors who cannot demonstrate the significance of their concerns or those that intervene frivolously.

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From: Bill Beaton [bbeaton@cadvision.com]
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Subject: Nahanni Butte Response to Cdn Zinc Applications.

Greg,

Thank-you for couriering copies of the Canadian Zinc's three applications directly to me.

I have reviewed the applications but I feel our firm lacks the technical expertise to provide meaningful comments. As a result we have consulted with representatives of INAC with mining and environmental expertise, including previous work on the Prairie Creek mine. They assured us the applications were normal course for this stage of development and that approval conditions would address any environmental concerns. We understand they will provide comments directly to the MVLWB. At face, the water to be handled at the pilot mine would be our largest concern, but we understand this is a well known and mitigateable concern under existing technologies.

Our Community has always demanded that Canadian Zinc conduct themselves in an environmentally sound manner. In addition to legislation, our Community has contracted with Canadian Zinc to reinforce this undertaking to operate with a deep respect for the "land and water".

Canadian Zinc have indicated they will also be bringing forward a proposal the address historical fuel storage at two sites. Our Community supports this and we may be directly involved in the "clean-up".

On the basis of the above, Nahanni Butte **supports** the MVLWB in issuing the Water License and Land Use Permits.

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