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Subject:

'alan@canadianzinc.com'; Mary Tapsell Re: Information Request IR0405-002-16 EH

Dave:

Further to our telephone conversation this morning I would like to say that it is impossible for me to tell you how the Board feels about your reluctance to provide the requested satellite imagery, without actually going before the Board. However, I can make the following general points:

- By issuing the IR, the Board has taken on ownership of the IR. While the Decho First Nation is the source
  of the IR, the Board issued it. You will recall that there were quite a number of IR suggested that the
  Board decided not to issue.
- This is an information request, not a subpoena. You may choose not to provide the requested information. It will be up to the Board then to determine whether it considers your reasons for doing so adequate or whether it will pursue the matter further.
- Your offer to host groups at the mine site is noted. I am not sure, however, if it is feasible for all parties to visit the site during this assessment.
- You cited cost as a reason for your reluctance to provide the data. Our own research has shown that IKONOS 1 metre resolution imagery of the entire project area, ortho-rectified to 1:50 000 NTS standard, could be purchased for under \$ 10,000. The IR calls for 5 metre resolution data only. While there clearly is a significant cost element, bringing parties to the mine site obviously involves costs as well.
- The data as purchased cannot be placed on the public registry. It is my understanding, however, that
  hardcopies or bitmap images that cannot be manipulated can be produced from the data and shared
  freely. Also, I believe there is a possibility to "lend" the data for analysis. For more information you should
  contact the data supplier; an information sheet is attached.

To answer your question from this morning all I can say is that the Information Request stands and that the Board will evaluate and consider whatever you submit in response to it. If you want the Board to re-consider or withdraw the IR, I suggest you submit a written request to that effect.

regards Martin Haefele



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