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Via email:    [chubert@reviewboard.ca](mailto:chubert@reviewboard.ca)

**Re:    EA0809-002, Prairie Creek Mine, Canadian Zinc Corporation:  
Information Requests**

Parks Canada is pleased to provide the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Board) with a response to their information request:

*Parties are asked to submit a brief description of the type and scope of any nonregulatory agreements between parties and the developer, or between parties, related to this environmental assessment.*

Parks Canada and Canadian Zinc Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in June 2008. The MOU recognized that Parks Canada was in the process of expanding Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada and Canadian Zinc was working towards full mine operation. The MOU recognized the interests of each organization and signaled an intent to work together and to address issues of common interest. As part of the MOU, a technical committee was established comprised of representatives of the Canadian Zinc Corporation, Parks Canada and subsequently Deh Cho First Nations. We met regularly to discuss ongoing operations and plans of both Parks Canada and Canadian Zinc Corporation.



As Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada has now been expanded and Canadian Zinc Corporation could be operating a mine at the completion of this environmental assessment, Parks Canada and Canadian Zinc Corporation will likely sign a new MOU that is more applicable to this new context. Furthermore, the technical committee, as currently designed, is probably not appropriate during mine operation. Although we have had preliminary discussions about what the best approach may be in the future, there are no specific plans. We look forward to working with all parties to determine the best approach for sharing information and having discussions about Canadian Zinc's operation and any links to the park.

We hope this information is helpful in the ongoing review of this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy Botkin at (204) 984-1152 or Katherine Cumming at (204) 984 -1929.

Sincerely,

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