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Dear Ms. Robertson

RE: Notification pursuant to s. 79 of the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*

Please be advised that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is undertaking an environmental assessment of Canadian Zinc Corporation's proposed Prairie Creek Mine. On August 8, 2008, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada referred the Prairie Creek Mine to environmental assessment on behalf of the Nahanni Butte Dene Band on the basis that the development might cause a significant adverse impact on the environment. The Review Board has created a public registry for this file, where all information will be held. The public registry is available online at www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry - the file is *EA0809-002 - Canadian Zinc Corp. Prairie Creek Mine*.

The Review Board has determined that the following species may potentially be impacted by this project:

- Woodland caribou (Northern Mountain Population);
- Peregrine Falcon;
- Wolverine;
- Rusty blackbird;
- Short-eared owl;
- Wood bison; and
- Grizzly bear.



Based on information from scoping submissions this proposed development may adversely affect species listed above. All of these species have been identified as being at risk under either *SARA* or by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada. The Review Board is providing this information to discharge its duties under s.79 of *SARA*, which requires that notification be made to the appropriate responsible minister when any project could have an impact on a species at risk.

For this environmental assessment, the Review Board requests Environment Canada's and any other responsible agencies' assistance in determining the likelihood of adverse effects of the proposed project on the above species and/or their critical habitats. Please also indicate if any other species merit special consideration in this environmental assessment.

Further information regarding this environmental assessment may be obtained at the Review Board's online public registry (www.reviewboard.ca/registry) or by contacting me at amacdonald@reviewboard.ca or by telephone at (867) 766-7052.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Assessment Officer

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