

Our file: EA0809-002

July 15, 2011

To: Parties to the Prairie Creek Mine environmental assessment

Re: EA0809-002 Prairie Creek Mine - water quality objectives approach and request for final written submissions

Dear parties:

Thank you for your submissions of July 4th in response to the Review Board's request of June 27th for suggested approaches to recommending water quality objectives for the Prairie Creek Mine.

The Review Board has considered the water quality objectives (WQO) committee approach as proposed by Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The Review Board is encouraged that the developer and parties have met to find ways to resolve differences of opinion on appropriate WQO for the Prairie Creek Mine and trusts that these meetings will continue.

The Review Board met on July 14, 2011 and determined that the WQO Committee approach as proposed by CZN and AANDC is not appropriate. The Board does not support additional formalized post-hearing process steps but rather recommends that parties resolve the matter by meeting with each other.

Accordingly, the Review Board recommends that CZN, AANDC and other interested parties meet together to discuss the outstanding issue of WQO over the next month. The Review Board requests that a written report of this meeting (or meetings) be prepared and submitted to the Board. A template for meeting reports can be found on the Board's website in the reference library, forms and templates section.

Parties and CZN are encouraged to complete WQO related meetings and meeting report preparation prior to the deadline for final submissions.



Final Submissions

The Review Board requests final written submissions from parties prior to closure of the public record. The deadline for final submissions from parties and CZN is as follows:

September 6, 2011: final submissions from parties

September 9, 2011: final submission from CZN

The public record will be closed at 5 pm on Friday September 9, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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