

## Chuck Hubert

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**Subject:** Letter CanZinc to MVEIRB re Oboni risk assessment 13-Dec-2016

Good afternoon Chuck,

We note that Oboni Riskope has completed a risk assessment report for the Board in connection with the proposed all season road. It appears that the consultant has undertaken this work without gathering field evidence; certainly the Nahanni Butte Dene Band was not consulted regarding our knowledge of the area in connection with risks. This subject could and should have been discussed during the Cultural Impacts Technical Session in the community in July.

In addition, it would have been appropriate for Band members to accompany the consultant on a field trip this summer. In the absence of ground-truthing of the assumptions and observations contained in Oboni's report, the Band has a difficult time accepting the credibility of it. We recommend that the Board take this into account when deciding what weight to give to the conclusions in the report.

Moving forward, we suggest that before further risk assessment studies are commissioned on our Traditional Lands and reports published, that the MVERB consult with the Nahanni Butte Dene Band. In this way, the public can be assured that field studies are performed by people with local and traditional knowledge and the conclusions reviewed by the Elders of our community.

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Chief Peter Marcellais