



September 2, 2008

Alistair MacDonald
Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. MacDonald

**RE: Environmental Assessment EA0809-002, Prairie Creek Mine
Invitation to Undertake a Site Visit**

As you know, Canadian Zinc Corporation's (CZN) permit applications to operate the Prairie Creek Mine were referred to environmental assessment (EA) by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB). The EA process is about to commence, starting with scoping meetings. CZN would like to extend an open invitation for members of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board and its staff to visit the mine to see the existing infrastructure. The mine was originally built in 1982 and was close to operations before work was suspended. It is our opinion that it would be inappropriate for Board members and staff to make key decisions during the EA process without first having visited the mine, understood the changes to the existing infrastructure that are proposed for operations, and received an explanation on site as to how the mine will function. Determination of the scope of EA is considered to be a key decision.

Since it is already September and winter is approaching, we urge the Board to plan such a visit as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Harpley', is positioned above the typed name.

David P. Harpley, P. Geo.
VP, Environment and Permitting Affairs