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**Development and Operation of the Canadian Zinc Prairie Creek Mine**

In my term as the MLA for Nahendeh I have observed the time and effort that the Canadian Zinc Corporation has been using to have their property developed into a mine. Recently the Nahanni Expansion Working group has recommended that Canadian Zinc Corporation existing interest within the Nahanni National Park Reserve continue. They have been very consistent with the fact that they can operate and develop a mine within the Nahanni National Park Reserve and do so in an environmental sound and efficient manner.

I have seen in the past several years the positive economic impacts the limited exploration has had on the Nahendeh region. Canadian Zinc has employees from the communities and has been utilizing as many local resources as possible. I do believe that this level of sincerity in benefiting our local communities and business will only continue.

This letter is to confirm that I am in support of the development and operation of the Prairie Creek Mine as long as it is carried out in compliance with all applicable regulations and laws and in an environmentally responsible manner. A strong Impact Benefits Agreement, which is monitored, will also encourage positive business relations and benefits to our communities.

I recognize that this development will bring significant economic benefits to the Dehcho region and will endeavour to work with Canadian Zinc Corporation towards maximizing any of the economic opportunities the Prairie Creek Mine Operations may present.

Sincerely,



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