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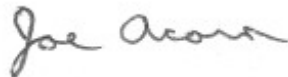
Dear Mr. MacDonald:

**Re: EA0809-002 - Canadian Zinc Prairie Creek Mine
Scoping of the Environmental Assessment**

On Nov. 3rd, Canadian Zinc (CZN) filed a letter with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) regarding the scoping of EA0809-002. In that letter, CZN made a couple of comments that concern the Nahanni Butte Dene Band (NBDB). Specifically, CZN states that *“there is considerable local support for the project”* and *“The majority of the residents of the communities of Nahanni Butte ... are also in favour of the project provided the environment is protected.”*

While the NBDB has signed an MOU with CZN, that MOU should not be interpreted as community support for this project. The MOU represents no more than a willingness by NBDB to formalize a relationship with CZN for the purpose of discussing this project and determining how the NBDB could be involved **if** the project is approved. This MOU did not give CZN any right to speak on behalf of the NBDB and its members and CZN should not presume to do so. The MVEIRB should disregard these statements from CZN.

Sincerely,



Joe Acorn