

January 14, 2009

VIA EMAIL

Alistair MacDonald  
A/Senior Environmental Assessment Officer  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
200 Scotia Centre  
Box 938, 5102-50th Ave  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

**Re: Request for ruling related to the determination of the appropriate scope of development for the Canadian Zinc Corporation-Prairie Creek Mine environmental assessment (EA0809-002)**

Dear Mr. MacDonald,

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reviewed the Ecojustice Request for Ruling (November 6, 2008) and the MVEIRB modified Request for Ruling questions (November 26, 2008) listed below:

1. Should the scope of development for EA0809-002 include all physical works and activities associated with the proposed winter road?
2. Should the scope of development for EA0809-002 include all facilities and activities at the proposed mine site?

The GNWT agrees that these are important questions that must be answered in order for parties to properly assess the project applications and related information. However, at this time we are not in a position to provide significant comments that will add to the question evaluation process. Although we will not be contributing at this time the GNWT does intend to provide comments by the January 19, 2009 deadline to comment on the January 14, 2009 submissions (deadlines as identified in your December 18, 2009 letter regarding Extension to Deadlines for Request for Ruling Submissions).

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (867) 920-6593 or by email at [loretta\\_ransom@gov.nt.ca](mailto:loretta_ransom@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



Loretta Ransom  
Environmental Assessment Analyst  
Environmental Assessment and Monitoring