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VIA EMAIL

Alistair MacDonald
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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 January 14, 2009 submissions to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) from the Department of Justice Canada, Ecojustice, and the Canadian Zinc Corporation regarding the following Request for Ruling questions:

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?

We believe that sufficient comments have been provided in those submissions. We do not have anything further to add at this time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (867) 920-6593 or by email at loretta_ransom@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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