

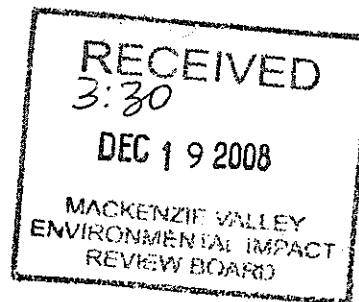
# Nahanni Butte Dene Band

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Dear Mr. MacDonald,

On behalf of the Chief and Council of the Nahanni Butter Dene Band, I would like to clarify statements made in the letter from Joe Acorn submitted to the MVEIRB on December 10, 2008. I had reviewed this letter before it was submitted by Mr. Acorn, but have subsequently been advised by my Councilors that some of the wording needs clarification.

First, we agree that Canadian Zinc Corporation does not speak on behalf of the community of Nahanni Butte and should not make statements that might give that impression.

Second, while there are community members who fully support the Prairie Creek mining project, including Councilors, my role as chief is to take a balanced approach to the project given that other community members are more cautious about the project. That is why we initiated the environmental assessment, are carrying out a traditional knowledge study to ensure our traditional rights and interests are fully understood and protected, and are planning to engage in economic planning that would lead to negotiations regarding an impact-benefit agreement for the project. Some of this work has been delayed due to funding issues, but this work will proceed with due haste in the New Year.

As noted in the MOU we have with Canadian Zinc, we do not oppose the project in principle and are willing to engage in full communication with Canadian Zinc and regulators to ensure that our rights and interests are protected and also ensure that the community will fully benefit from the project as it unfolds.

Mr. Acorn will continue to advise us during the current environmental assessment process. I will ensure that any significant correspondence regarding the EA is reviewed by my councilors as well as myself before being submitted so that no further confusion arises. I hope this provides clarification to all parties. Mahsi.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Fred Tesou