



Note to file

EA 0809-002

Canadian Zinc Corporation, Prairie Creek Mine

October 31, 2008

Re: Scoping Submissions, Next Steps in Scoping Phase and Review Board Policy on web reference submissions.

Scoping Submissions

The deadline for scoping submissions was October 20, 2008. The Review Board received scoping submissions from the following organizations and individuals:

- Canadian Zinc Corporation (various)
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Environment Canada
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Government of the Northwest Territories
- Parks Canada
- Village of Fort Simpson
- Kirby Groat of the Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce
- Nahanni Butte Dene Band (via consultant Joe Acorn)
- Liidlii Kue First Nation
- Dehcho First Nations
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- Wildlife Conservation Society – Canada
- Nahanni River Adventures
- Black Feather Adventure Company
- Stephen and Marjorie Herrett of Lindberg Landing
- CPAWS-Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
- NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines

In addition, the Review Board has received 265 letters of concern from individuals.

The Review Board has also issued meeting reports for all six scoping sessions held in the Dehcho and Yellowknife for this environmental assessment. All of this material is available on the Review Board's website public registry for this file at mveirb.nt.ca. If you are unable to access this material, contact Review Board staff member Nicole Spencer at (867) 766-7062.

Interested parties are reminded that additional material may be filed at any time during the environmental assessment.

Next Steps in Scoping Phase

The Review Board is currently analyzing all of the evidence on the public record for this file in order to determine how to proceed with this environmental assessment. A variety of interested parties have identified material they feel may be relevant to this environmental assessment's scoping phase, and the Review Board will be transferring material onto the public record over the weeks to come.

Alistair MacDonald, lead Environmental Assessment Officer on this file, will be on leave until November 5, 2008. Any submissions should be sent to Alistair but cc'd to Nicole Spencer (nspencer@mveirb.nt.ca; or fax at (867) 766-7074 during this time period.

The Review Board will likely provide further guidance on how the environmental assessment will proceed in the last week of November. In the interim, the developer and parties are encouraged to examine the issues raised by interested parties and either provide supplementary submissions or engage in dialogue with other interested parties on the issue directly.

Website Reference Material

This is a reminder to all interested parties that the Review Board can consider only evidence that is submitted (or gathered) on its public registry. Reference to material that may or may not be available on another website is not an acceptable form of evidence. There are several reasons for this. For one, not all parties can consistently access the internet. Secondly, websites may change their content and drop documents at any time without warning. Third, having links to other websites is a slippery slope for when it comes time for either the Review Board, parties or the developer to examine the public record later down the road. And fourth, the Review Board Rules of Procedure only accept "information" or "documents" filed to the public record as evidence, not references to same.

It is incumbent on the individual parties to file the proper information and documents, not the responsibility of the Review Board or others to hunt down this information elsewhere. If you would like the Review Board to consider documents that are available on other websites, please forward the Review Board the digital files. If any files are too large for electronic transmission, identify them and Review Board staff will attempt to print them off, shrink them or simply place them on the paper public record with a placeholder on the web. We will work with any party that wants to put evidence on the public record to try and accommodate their needs and the specific demands of the data format.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or requests for information, please contact myself or Nicole.

Regards,

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