



Note to file

EA 0809-002
Canadian Zinc Corporation, Prairie Creek Mine

December 18, 2008

Att'n: Distribution List

Re: Extension to Deadlines for Request for Ruling Submissions

Review Board staff and legal counsel chaired a meeting December 17, 2008 with interested parties to discuss the request for ruling process related to the determination of the appropriate scope of development for the Prairie Creek Mine environmental assessment. The Review Board had previously directed the parties interested in this EA to address the following questions in their submission on the request for ruling (see the Review Board's correspondence of November 26, 2008, on the public record):

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?

More detailed meeting minutes will be placed on the public record next week (an audio recording is available on the website public registry), but issues raised at the meeting included:

- A desire by the developer to expedite the ruling by the Review Board on this matter
- A request from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (in combination with other federal government departments, who are considering a joint submission) to extend the deadline for submissions to a later date

- Concerns about fairness of the original applicant in the request for ruling – Ecojustice Canada – having the right of final reply to both questions

The Review Board met on December 18, 2008 and passed a motion to make the following date and submission changes:

January 14th, 2009 is the deadline for:

- **all interested parties except Ecojustice Canada (which has already provided a submission) to provide submissions on Question 1 (winter road); and**
- **all interested parties to provide submissions on Question 2 (mine site).**

January 19th, 2009 is the deadline for:

- **all interested parties to respond (if desired) to January 14th submissions on both questions.**

The Review Board will consider all submissions received by January 19th, 2009 when making its ruling in this matter.

All response material from Information Requests #1-4 will be on the Review Board's website public registry (listed as RfR = Request for Ruling materials) by Friday, December 19th, 2008.

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

Regards,

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