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Alistair MacDonald

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Sent: October 17, 2008 1:03 PM
To: Alistair MacDonald
Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

I writing to express my greatest concern regarding the application by Canadian Zinc Corporation for an operating permit for the Prairie Creek Mine. I support CPAWS position that the assessment include the whole mine operation, all its components, and the access road, and that it is the most rigorous environmental assessment possible. To consider anything less which could influence the decision making process and allow the mine to reopen will impact the integrity of the park and the proposed expansion. This process has to be totally open and transparent

It is not a question of if, but when a spill occurs at the mine site or along the proposed road across the karst lands the impact would be irreversible.

As one who has canoed The South Nahanni and intend to return this summer there is no question, mining is not compatible with this world treasure. We owe it to future generations to preserve this watershed in it's entirety.

The mine should not be permitted to reopen and the company should be compensated only for the expenses incurred to date, not the speculated value of the ore in the ground.

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Alistair MacDonald

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Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

I have visited the Prairie Creek Mine (1992) and was very impressed by the huge amount of 1980's Materiel on site as well as the rather risky tailings dam. I have also seen the Prairie Creek Delta at the Nahanni (2006) and the amazing amount of debris that has come down that catchment.

On the one hand erosion has probably moved more dirt than humans will, and the massive amount of natural minerals washed out have done little damage.

On the other hand I'm not sure if we need another mine in the middle of nowhere - shall I bring up "Colomac"? The logistics costs will be ridiculous but that is a business decision. However the cleanup costs (I suppose there will be no cleanup costs, right?) will be outrageous, even if there are no accidents, which cannot be reached easily by any outside assistance. The porous Karst topography would be a terrible handicap to any fuel or toxic material spills.

Assuming this mine can operate safely for decades and at a profit that will return the site to a acceptable condition on shut down I still wonder why we as a society are going to the ends of the earth to find resources when we are already throwing so much out. Japan apparently has the worlds 3rd largest reserves of base metals - in its garbage dumps. And that is a society that is serious about recycling.

Instead of digging more holes in the ground and endangering what little "pristine" wilderness is left how about we start using what we have to some level of efficiency instead of 'built cheap and thrown away' (where ever that is)? Unfortunately I suspect your mandate does not include such planning horizons that include the biosphere or grandchildren, but perhaps it should.

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Alistair MacDonald

From: lyn paterson [lynf@connected.bc.ca]
Sent: October 18, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Alistair MacDonald
Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

Dear Mr MacDonald:

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed Prairie Creek Mine , which is certain to impact Nahanni National Park Reserve downstream of the proposed mine.

While probable acid mine drainage is my main concern, the effect of access roads and mine construction on the area's wildlife could be major and must be considered as part of the environmental impact review.

Personally I believe that this is absolutely the wrong place for industrial activity and sends the message that Canada is indifferent at best to protection of our natural heritage . This is a world heritage site. Are even such immensely valuable places, acknowledged as such world-wide, to be treated as just another business opportunity ?

I expect the most stringent environmental considerations to be applied in this case.

Your truly
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Alistair MacDonald

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To: Alistair MacDonald
Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

As a Canadian I have a sence that we must be aware that we have a resourses that the rest of the world does not. I understand there is market and governmant pressure to apporve the mine in prerie creek . however I feel that it would be horrible to once again turn a blind eye to our growing global envoinmental crises and approve this project. I feel that it is time Canadians stand up for the future, our future generations and the planet. as a yung adult I can only say I have no respect or gratatude for the generations before me that have done so much damage justifying their actions buy excuse ''were not the only ones'' etc, the reality is it is my future and my chirdrens future you are destroying!. if you do plan to approve this project at least make a PROPER environmental assessment at the most rigorous level, and review the whole mine operation and all its components and the acess road. And Please think about the future generations that your actions and those like you put at risk every day when you choose not to be responsible for the global impact we humans have.

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From: Kelsey Edwards [lilly_pup2@hotmail.com]
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Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

Hello,

I'm writing this e-mail because I have serious concerns regarding the proposed Prairie Creek mine site, which would have have, in my opinion, a significant negative impact on the Nahanni National Park and World Heritage Site, which are downstream. I fail to see how a mine which is upstream from a national park is acceptable in any way. It would be impossible for that mine not to have some negative impact on our precious national park, and in this time of growing environmental concern, that is no longer acceptable.

Canadians should be known for their rigorous environmental standards, not for putting dangerous mining activity upstream from a Canadian National Treasure.

I would ask you to apply to this application the most rigorous and extensive environmental assesment that is possible. I would also ask that this assesment be conducted at a level that would asses the entire mining operation, including all components of the mine which would neccessarily apply to any and all access roads as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message of concern for the Nahanni National Park and World Heritage Site. I appreciate the difficult task that is ahead of you, but also remind you that every decision you make will affects our grandchildren's future. Therefore, I will be watching and paying close attention to the upcoming environmental assesment and the consequences of said assesment. Thank you for your valuable contribution to Canada's environmental, economic and cultural future.

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Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

it has come to my attention that Canadian Zinc has applied for permits to operate the proposed Prairie Creek mine, upstream from Nahanni National Park Reserve and World Heritage Site.

I am very concerned that this jewel of so far pristine nature could be irrevocably damaged by mining. The damage is not just done by mining extraction, but by the destructive human activities this entails: roads built, heavy machinery brought in, and - worst - motorized access to the public.

So much of our fauna and flora is sacrificed to commercial exploitation. Please consider preserving Nahanni National Park Reserve and World Heritage Site.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

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Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

Sir:

Prairie Creek is a treasure.

In 1978 and again in 1998, I hiked up it during a trips to the Nahanni. The entrance to the creek from the main river is a narrow and enticing slice in the rock of a mountain wall. Its valley is very clean and free of human traces.

This is no place for a mine. There is no hope that a mine would leave the stream anything like its current natural state.

Less than 20 km upstream on the other bank of the Nahanni is a river polluted with arsenic from a mine. Permanently.

The Nahanni should not have another polluted stream. One is already too many.

Ted Bentley
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Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

I am concerned that the proposed Prairie Creek Mine could have significant environmental impacts on Nahanni National Park Reserve and World Heritage Site downstream.

As Canadians, we have a responsibility to protect our national parks and world heritage sites for future generations.

A proper environmental assessment should be at the most rigorous possible level, and review the whole mine operation, all its components and the access road.

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Alistair MacDonald

From: Jim Phillips [jim@copernicused.com]
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To: Alistair MacDonald
Subject: Prairie Creek Mine

Alistair MacDonald,
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald,,

I am concerned that the proposed Prairie Creek Mine could have significant environmental impacts on Nahanni National Park Reserve and World Heritage Site downstream; As Canadians, we have a responsibility to protect our national parks and world heritage sites for future generations; A proper environmental assessment should be at the most rigorous possible level, and review the whole mine operation, all its components and the access road.

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