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Subject: EA0809-002 Canadian Zinc Corporation Prairie Creek Mine proposal

Subject: Instructions for Scoping Phase of environmental assessment, including Scoping Sessions

Please see attached information related to the scoping phase of this environmental assessment. **This message has important information about upcoming scoping sessions and deadlines for submission of comments to the Review Board.** Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

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Our File: EA0809-002
Prairie Creek Mine

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Re: Instructions for Scoping Phase of the Environmental Assessment of Canadian Zinc Corporation's proposed Prairie Creek Mine

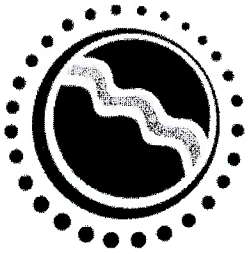
The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is currently undertaking an environmental assessment of Canadian Zinc Corporation's proposed Prairie Creek Mine. The referred development includes the activities and physical works related to water license and land use permits MV2008L2-0002, MV2008D0014, MV2008T0012 and MV2008T0013. Indian and Northern Affairs referred this proposed development to environmental assessment on its own behalf and based in addition on a request from the Nahanni Butte Dene Band, on the grounds this development might cause a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The Review Board has created a public registry for this file, where all information will be held. The public registry is available online at www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry - the file is **EA0809-002, Prairie Creek Mine**.

The Review Board is now starting the scoping phase of the environmental assessment. Scoping will determine the scope of the development that will be assessed and the scope of issues the assessment will cover. The Review Board will make its determination of how to approach the assessment with input from the developer and interested parties. The Review Board would like the developer and interested parties to consider the following questions during the scoping phase:

1. What biophysical, socio-economic and cultural issues merit consideration during the environmental assessment and why?
2. What principal and accessory development components (physical works and activities) should be considered within the scope of the proposed development for this environmental assessment?
3. What are appropriate temporal and geographic scopes of assessment for consideration of project-specific and cumulative effects assessments?
4. What evidence (if any) from previous studies, management plans, or environmental assessments should be transferred onto the public record for this environmental assessment, and why?

Please note the Review Board has set a deadline for scoping submissions of Monday, October 13th.



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There are a variety of ways that the Review Board encourages interested parties to provide input during this scoping phase of the environmental assessment:

1. **Review Board staff is planning Scoping Sessions for the communities of Wrigley, Nahanni Butte, Fort Simpson and Fort Liard for late September – early October.** At each of these Scoping Sessions, Review Board staff will outline the environmental assessment process and identify the goals of the scoping sessions. The developer will then provide a presentation outlining the proposed development, and organizations and individuals will be offered the opportunity to identify key issues they feel need to be examined during the environmental assessment. Depending on the number of issues raised, these sessions will take from a couple of hours to a full day. Dates and meeting locations will be confirmed and noted on the public record soon.
2. Review Board staff is planning a Technical Scoping Session in Yellowknife subsequent to the community Scoping Sessions. This will provide government regulators and other interested parties an opportunity to identify key issues they feel need to be examined during the environmental assessment. **This Technical Scoping Session will be held at the Tree of Peace Hall in Yellowknife on either October 7th or 8th – the date will be confirmed and noted on the public record soon.**
3. Interested parties are welcome to submit comments on the four scoping subjects in writing to the Review Board at any point in time between now and October 10, 2008.

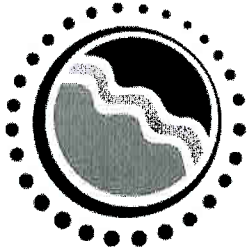
The developer and interested parties are advised to consider the following evidence already on the public record for this environmental assessment in advance of submitting opinions on the scoping questions:

- Canadian Zinc Corporation's permit and license application documents for the proposed development, including *Project Description Reports*
- Preliminary screening comments by interested parties

This information is available on the website public registry at www.mveirb.nt.ca, with the exception of the following documents submitted by the developer, which are all available upon request via CD from the Review Board or can be downloaded from the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's website at <http://www.mvlwb.ca/mv/registry.aspx> (be warned that these are large files and may take some time to download):

- *Tetcela Transfer Facility – Project Description Report*
- *Prairie Creek Mine – Project Description Report*
- *Geochemical Characterization Report for the Prairie Creek Project, NWT*

Regular "EA updates" including scoping submissions and Review Board instructions on how the process will proceed will also be made available to parties on the distribution list as they occur. Interested parties are reminded that the most effective way to receive updates is by subscribing to the Review Board's automatic email subscription list at <http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/subscriptions/index.php>.



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The fact that the proposed development is undergoing an environmental assessment does not prevent parties from meeting with the developer to discuss project-related issues. The Review Board encourages these “sidebar” consultations, and asks only that meeting minutes or a list of agreed upon commitments be submitted for the public record if the parties want the outcomes of these meetings to be considered by the Review Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions regarding the process or to access information off the public record. I can be reached at (867) 766-7052 or amacdonald@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alistair MacDonald', written over a series of horizontal lines.

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