



Liidlii Kue First Nation

October 21, 2008

Mr. Alistair MacDonald
Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
5102 50th Avenue,
Yellowknife, NT. X1A 2N7

Re: EA 0809-002: Canadian Zinc Corporation Prairie Creek Mine Applications.

Dear Mr. MacDonald;

Liidlii Kue First Nation (LKFN) has been in many discussions on various matters with Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) relating to the Prairie Creek Mine exploration, development and now operational applications. To formalize this relation we have now signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CZN relating to the Prairie Creek Mine in order to move ahead in a constructive manner so that our FN and the region can benefit from the economic stimulus this project will provide.

LKFN is very supportive in furthering the advancement of the Prairie Creek site towards operations, as long as this is done in a responsible environmental manner, so that the community and region may benefit from the economic input it would create. This will be the first mining project to provide opportunities for people in the Dehcho and the economic importance of the proposed development is substantial. The transition to this type of life style will come with challenges, but we think it is a step in the right direction. Based on the recent meetings held in the region, there seems to be considerable regional support.

The regulatory process facilitates participation however resources afforded this FN through federal sources is not reflective of the inherent rights to govern ourselves and support development of our own resource management regime. The MOU has formalized a working arrangement to pursue economic opportunities it remains to be seen if the federal government will support the IAB discussions. In addition to economic issues; resource management is virtually non-existent LKFN depends far too much on INAC to look after our wellbeing. Therefore there may be issues that are not forecasted in any environmental reviews specific to our interests. The Board must recommend more resource to LKFN to develop a resource management regime to complement environmental review activities

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as well as present and future monitoring of this and other resource development pressure in this area. LKFN has demonstrated its capacity to handle more government services to our membership and community, the Board and Government must acknowledge this and recommend further resource to make advancement on major issues facing the regulatory regime such as duty to consult and accommodate.

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