

October 20, 2008

Alistair MacDonald
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Dear Mr. MacDonald:


**Re: EA0809-002 - Canadian Zinc Prairie Creek Mine
Scoping of the Environmental Assessment**

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band (NBDB) participated directly in the scoping sessions held by the Review Board in Nahanni Butte and Yellowknife. The NBDB has also reviewed the meeting notes for the scoping sessions held in Fort Liard, Fort Simpson and Wrigley.

The NBDB is satisfied that the Review Board has been well-informed about the concerns that are held by various parties regarding this proposed mine and that need to be addressed in this EA. However, based upon reading the scoping session notes, it perhaps needs to be emphasized that the NBDB feels strongly that the use of Traditional Knowledge (TK) needs to be a major factor in this EA. As described at the Yellowknife session, the NBDB is in the midst of a major TK study covering the entire proposed Prairie Creek operation including the mine site, the winter road and areas downstream of project activities. Our expectation is that the results of this TK study will significantly inform future NBDB submissions in this EA process.

The NBDB will review the forthcoming draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and assess how well the Review Board has transferred the concerns raised into directions to the developer about what needs to be included in the Developer's Assessment Report. If needed, the NBDB will provide additional comments upon reviewing the draft ToR.

Sincerely,



Joe Acorn