

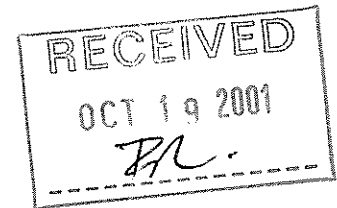
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Dear Mr. Yeoman:

**RE: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
Canadian Zinc Corporation: Land Use Permit Application MV2000C0030  
6-7 Holes Drilling Program Decision**

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 12, 2001, expressing concern that no conditions were attached to the above mentioned permit by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB).

I would like to clarify that the permit you made reference to is issued by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB), and not by the MVEIRB, both which are under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (Act).

In conducting its environmental assessment of the project, the MVEIRB was guided by the principles outlined in sections 114 and 115, of the Act, including the need to protect the environment from significant adverse impacts. The MVEIRB concluded, under section 128 (a), of the Act, that the development is not likely to have any significant adverse impact on the environment or to be a cause of public concern and recommended approval of the proposed development. I support the recommendation of the MVEIRB.

Although the MVEIRB made no specific recommendations regarding terms and conditions for the proposed development, I can assure you that such issues have been addressed by the MVLWB. I would encourage you to contact the Water Board for further information.

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In my response to your previous letter of May 18, 2001, on the same issue, and which you mention in this letter, I pointed out that mitigation measures may be considered at the regulatory permitting stage by the MVLWB and included as terms and conditions in its authorization. I also want to thank you for sharing with me the interpretation you obtained from the Sierra Legal Defence Fund.

I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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