



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our file: EA 0405-002

February 24, 2005

To: Alison de Pelham
Re: Executive Director, Dehcho First Nations

Dear Ms. de Pelham,

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board is in the process of conducting an environmental assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation's (CZN) proposed *Phase 3 Surface Drilling Exploration Program* at the Prairie Creek Mine site. The Review Board has expressed its desire to see that communities, potentially impacted by the proposed development, are fully engaged in the environmental assessment process. To that end, the Review Board wishes to send staff members to potentially-impacted communities to provide information regarding CZN's proposal, and to identify what concerns community members may have about the proposal.

The Review Board intends to organize community visits to Fort Simpson, Wrigley, Nahanni Butte and Fort Liard, and would like to conduct the visits in early to mid-April. The community visits, as presently conceived, would occur over a two-day period with a half day spent in each of the four communities. Travel would be by charter aircraft and the visit would likely be arranged as follows: Day 1, Fort Simpson-Wrigley; Day 2, Nahanni Butte-Fort Liard.

The Review Board would like to know if you, or your organization, are able to assist in organizing for those meetings, particularly by identifying dates and times that are compatible with the communities' schedules. In the event that Dehcho First Nations cannot provide assistance at this time, the Review Board will contact the communities individually to develop a travel plan. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Duxbury".

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