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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

RE: DFO Response to MVEIRB Information Request on Prairie Creek Mine Project

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) would like to provide the following in response to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's information request issued on November 26th 2008.

As outlined in IR0809-002-04, DFO understands that the Review Board is requesting any relevant historical materials that may be of assistance in determining the appropriate scope of the development for the Prairie Creek Mine EA0809-002. DFO has attached a list of documents that were either identified in Appendix 2 of the Board's information request or were found in our historic Prairie Creek files. Should the Board require copies of any of the identified documents, DFO would be pleased to forward those records upon request.

DFO hopes the information provided will assist the Review Board in ruling on the appropriate scope of the development for the Prairie Creek Mine as well as ensuring all relevant materials are accessible on the public record. If there are any questions or clarification needed on any of these matters, please contact Sarah Olivier at (867) 669-4919.

Regards,

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Environmental Assessment for Prairie Creek Mine
DFO's Response to Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Information Request IR0809-002-04

Document Date	Type	Details	Author	Comments
1980 – Jul 11	Permit	Scientific Permit 80-22-F	Robert W. Moshenko - DFO	Permit issued under Section 4 of the <i>Fisheries Act</i> to carry out fisheries studies in the Nahanni Mountains Area.
1980 – Jul 15	Letter	DFO information request - Cadillac Explorations Ltd., Prairie Creek Project Preliminary Environmental Evaluation	DFO	DFO request additional studies on aquatic environment (Prairie Creek and S. Nahanni R)
1980 – Oct	Report	Environmental Evaluation for Cadillac Explorations Ltd. Prairie Creek Project	Ker, Priestman & Assoc.	MVEIRB had identified this document in Appendix 2 of the IR. DFO has a complete copy of the report.
1980 - Dec. 4	Letter	DFO comments of Cadillac Explorations Ltd., Prairie Creek Project Environmental Evaluation	DFO	
1980 - Dec. 11	Letter	DFO detailed comments on Cadillac Explorations Ltd. Environmental Evaluation for Prairie Creek	DFO	
1982 – Feb	Study	Submission to the Northwest Territories Water Board On Possible Chlorination of Sewage at the Prairie Creek Mine	DFO	
1982 - May 21	Letter	DFO letter to the NWT Water Board Re: Cadillac Water Licence N3L3-0932	DFO	Proposed alternatives to sewage disinfection for the consideration of the board.
1992 – Jul 24	Letter of Advice	Land Use Application N92C778 - San Andreas Resources Corp. - Mineral Exploration - Prairie Creek, NT	DFO	DFO provided advice on ways to protect fish habitat and suggested additional protection measures that when implemented will likely avoid negative impacts to fish and fish

1994 - April 21	Report	Nahanni National Park Aquatic Quality 1992 Reports & Prairie Creek Mining Development/Water Licensing	EC & DFO	habitat.
1994 - Jun. 11	Letter of Advice	Letter to San Andreas Resources - Crossing of Prairie Creek - Drill Equipment and Vehicles	DFO	DFO provided advice on ways to protect fish habitat and suggested additional protection measures that when implemented will likely avoid negative impacts to fish and fish habitat.
1995 - Apr. 4	Letter of Advice	Land Use Application N95C373 - Diamond Drilling, San Andreas Resources Corp., Prairie Creek Mine site Area, NT.	DFO	DFO provided advice on ways to protect fish habitat and suggested additional protection measures that when implemented will likely avoid negative impacts to fish and fish habitat.
1995 - May 25	Letter of Advice	Amendment Request for Land Use Permit N95C373, San Andreas Resources Corporation, Prairie Creek, NT 1) Crossing of Prairie Creek 2) Reconstruction of Existing Road along Casket Creek	DFO	DFO provided advice on ways to protect fish habitat and suggested additional protection measures that when implemented will likely avoid negative impacts to fish and fish habitat.
2004	Report	Biological and Habitat Data for Bull Trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>) and Associated Species from Stream Surveys Conducted in the Southern and Central mackenzie River Valley, Northwest Territories, 2000 and 2001	Mochnac et al., DFO	
2005 - Oct 27	Letter of Advice	Phase III drilling (EA0405-002), DFO letter to Canadian Zinc - Prairie Creek Crossing	DFO	DFO provided advice on ways to protect fish habitat and suggested additional protection measures that when implemented will likely avoid negative impacts to fish and fish habitat.
2007 - July 15	Authorization SC-04-006	Authorization for placement of rock and fill in specific locations within Prairie and Funeral Creeks to facilitate the rehabilitation of the existing winter access road, between KM 0-10.	DFO	Fisheries Act Authorization in relation to MV2007L8-0026 and EA0809-002

2007 - Sept 21	Letter	Comments to the MVLWB on MV2007L8-0026 -	DFO	DFO provided comments on draft WL Terms & Conditions including mention that the project requires Authorization under the Fisheries Act and DFO's Operational Statements provided;
2007 - Oct 29	Letter	DFO to INAC - Crown Land Application 95 G/2-1 (SC03074) DFO to MVLWB – Land Use Permit Application MV2003F00258 (SC03074)	DFO	DFO recommends that if Licence of Occupation is Let, it be restricted to winter use only, and if WL is issued it should only be for km 0-10.
2008 - Feb 5	Letter of Advice	DFO to CZN - Harrison Creek Crossings,	DFO	DFO identified additional mitigation measures to be conducted in conjunction with the removal of culverts and replacement with span bridges.