

October 29, 2010

Our file: EA0809-002

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Dear Ms. Thompson

**Re: EA0809-002 – Prairie Creek Mine
Information requests from Review Board to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada**

During the Technical Meeting for the environmental assessment of the Prairie Creek Mine held October 6-8, 2010, issues of access management and the inability of various regulatory instruments to restrict access were discussed. The Review Board would like to thank the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) representative who attended the Technical Meeting for presenting land tenure information as it relates to access management in a clear and straightforward manner.

The Review Board requests clarification from INAC on the specifics of access management in a Land Use Permit and information on the Dehcho interim land withdrawal Order in Council (OIC) area. The information requests to INAC are as follows:

1. Please provide the Review Board with an explanation on why access restrictions cannot be included in a Land Use Permit and include advice regarding whether the reasons are due to legal constraints or policy.
2. Please provide the Review Board with a copy of the Dehcho interim land withdrawal OIC near Nahanni Butte along with a map of the withdrawal area.

The Review Board asks INAC for a response to these information requests by November 29, 2010. Responses will be placed on the public registry. If you have any questions please contact me by phone at 766-7052 email at chubert@reviewboard.ca.

Sincerely,



Chuck Hubert
Environmental Assessment Officer