

Our File EA0809-002

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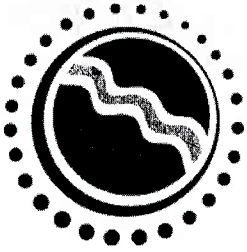
Dear Mr. Harpley

**RE: Notice Of Referral to Environmental Assessment,- Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek Mine**

You are hereby notified that on August 8, 2008, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, as per Section 126(2)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*, referred your proposed development at and in relation to the Prairie Creek mine site to environmental assessment, specifically the activities and physical works related to water licenses and land use permits MV2008L2-0002, MV2008D0014, MV2008T0012 and MV2008T0013. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada referred this proposed development to environmental assessment on its own behalf and based in addition on a request from the Nahanni Butte Dene Band on the grounds this development might have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The proposed development is now under environmental assessment, as required by section 126(1) of the *MVRMA*.

As per the requirements of Section 118(1) of the *MVRMA*, no permit or other authorization required for the development under territorial or federal law can be issued until the environmental assessment is concluded. The Review Board will create a public registry for this file (EA0809-002), where all pertinent information will be held. The public registry will be available on-line at [www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca/registry). Details of the assessment process are described in the Review Board's *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines*, available online at [www.mveirb.nt.ca](http://www.mveirb.nt.ca). Information of past environmental assessments is available on the same site.

The Review Board will determine the scope of the development and the scope of assessment in consultation with interested parties (including Canadian Zinc Corporation) and will provide your company with further instructions in short order.



## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions regarding our process. I can be reached at (867) 766-7052, or [amacdonald@mveirb.nt.ca](mailto:amacdonald@mveirb.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping, slanted lines that form the name 'Alistair MacDonald'.

Alistair MacDonald  
Environmental Assessment Officer