- LKFN recently signed a IBA with CZN for The Prairie Creek Mine Project and is here today to express its support of Canadian Zinc's Prairie Creek Mine Project.

- LKFN represents members and has a mandate to facilitate responsible development in the region so as to create employment and business opportunities for the membership.

- CZN's project is currently the only project in the Deh Cho which has advanced to this stage.

- LKFN has a good working relationship with CZN and anticipates that with regulatory approval of the project the economic development and related activities would prove to beneficial for the region as a whole.

- LKFN is confident that it will be in the position to capitalize on the development of the project for the benefit of its membership.

- With Fort Simpson as a regional hub there will be direct economic benefits to all in the form of sustainable employment and the opportunity to participate in various business ventures which directly support the mine operations.

- The challenges of sustainable development require that there be recognition of economic, environmental and social health and that the developer take those three factors into prime consideration in the development of its project.

- LKFN is satisfied that CZN has taken all necessary steps to succeed with their project on a sustainable basis and has ensured that there was good and effective community involvement up to this stage and has planned for the effective continuation of this community involvement as the project develops.

- Environmental monitoring is a key component of the IBA agreement between CZN and LKFN and this monitoring will continue for the life of the project.

- Training and employment opportunities will meet the needs of our youth and the economic development opportunities will ultimately lead to individual self-sufficiency.

- LKFN and CZN have agreed to develop a liaison committee which will aid both parties in the sharing of information and resources throughout the life of the project.
A project such as the Prairie Creek mine will become a catalyst for meaningful and responsible economic development in the region and will provide the necessary job, business contracts and other spinoffs to the direct benefit of the LKFN membership and other citizens of the region.