Welcome to
the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board’s
Scoping Session
for EA0809-002
Canadian Zinc Corporation’s Prairie Creek Mine
Scoping Sessions Overview

- It’s about Information!
- Background to the Prairie Creek Mine Environmental Assessment
- Scoping Questions
- Next Steps
- Today’s agenda
It’s about Information!

The Review Board provides information
The developer provides information
The Review Board needs your information!

• Your comments and questions drive this session
• Comment cards
• Written submissions; provide by October 14
Background of Prairie Creek Mine
Environmental Assessment

- Canadian Zinc Corp. applied for 3 Land Use Permits and 1 Water License from MVLWB on May 28, 2008
- Referred to Environmental Assessment by INAC on August 8 on its own accord and on behalf of the Nahanni Butte Dene Band on basis development “might have significant adverse impacts on the environment” in NBDB traditional territory
- Later referred by Environment Canada, DFO and MVLWB
Scoping Sessions

Scoping sessions are being held in
• Nahanni Butte
• Fort Liard
• Wrigley
• Fort Simpson (2 sessions)
• Yellowknife

Purpose: to assist the Review Board in determining the scope of development and scope of assessment for the environmental assessment
• Parties identify important issues that need to be focused on
• Parties identify what information they think is missing from the developer’s initial project description and impact assessment
• Parties identify what aspects of the project itself need assessing

KEY: focus on things that are important and likely to be impacted by the development
Four Scoping Questions

1. What biophysical, socio-economic and cultural issues should be considered during the environmental assessment and why?
Scoping Questions

2. What physical works and activities should be considered during this environmental assessment (in other words, what is the scope of the proposed development)?
Scoping Questions

3. What are appropriate time periods and distances from the development for consideration of potential impacts?
Scoping Questions

4. What evidence from previous studies, management plans, or environmental assessments should be moved onto the public record for this environmental assessment, and why?
This is an informal session; you are welcome to:

• ask presenters questions
• Write comments on note cards and put them on wall
• Tell us your concerns about the proposed development

This is not a public hearing!
Next Steps

• Review Board staff will compile notes from Scoping Sessions and distribute; no attribution
• Deadline for written scoping submissions is October 14
• Review Board will use all scoping information to determine how to move forward in the process
• Parties will have many other opportunities to contribute
Today’s Agenda

• Developer will first present Project Overview and field questions on that
• Developer will then give presentation on projected impacts on different valued components, feel free to ask questions or provide your opinion
• Finally, the floor will be open for the public to present questions, comments, about issues to be considered during the environmental assessment
Any questions??????