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(Sent electronically)

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Dear Mr. Hubert,

Re: Environmental Assessment EA0809-002 – Prairie Creek

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of the Northwest Territories Chamber of Commerce. This letter is in support of Canadian Zinc Corporation as it progresses through the regulatory review process, specifically EA0809-002 related to its proposed Prairie Creek Mine.

Earlier our Chamber undertook a survey of economic opportunities that are expected to flow from this project. I have attached a summary of our findings in the attached power point presentation. The Prairie Creek Mine has an expected fourteen year life based on the existing, known resource base. As noted in the power point large and small businesses alike project significant opportunities to provide services to the mine. This project represents significant economic and job opportunities in the Deh Cho Region and more broadly across the NWT.

More recently delegates from the NWT Chamber visited the proposed mine site and were hosted by company officials. Our board was impressed by the cooperative work done by Canadian Zinc to fully engage the neighboring aboriginal communities in a partnership to advance the project. It is evident that both Canadian Zinc and the nearby aboriginal communities have made a strong commitment to work in partnership on this project. As well during the visit the delegates received a technical briefing by the company and were pleased with the environmental stewardship that the company intends to use throughout the construction and operation phases.

On behalf of our membership I wish to convey to you our support for this important project. Should you require any further background related to this letter of support please feel free to contact our office.
I appreciate your consideration of our position on this project and wish the board well in your deliberations.

Regards,

Chuck Parker
President
NWT Chamber of Commerce