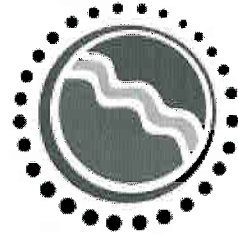


# Mackenzie Valley Review Board



## Note to file

EA 0809-002

Canadian Zinc Corporation, Prairie Creek Mine

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November 24, 2008

### **Re: EA Update**

The following is an EA update for the above noted file, of activities that have occurred since the last Note to File issued on October 31, 2008.

#### ***Informal Meeting with Developer***

The Review Board staff had an informal meeting with David Harpley of Canadian Zinc Corporation at the Review Board office November 19, 2008. Review Board staff members Alistair MacDonald and Nicole Spencer were present. Discussed was the general process for the Request for Ruling filed by Ecojustice with the Review Board in early November, as well as the general topic of information gathering for the Prairie Creek Mine environmental assessment. The developer (see below) also submitted material on a CD that will be filed on the public record later this week.

#### ***Documentation Received***

On November 19, 2008, The Review Board received documentation from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) as well as from Canadian Zinc Corporation, for the Prairie Creek Mine environmental assessment. The documents provided by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada largely relate to the history of Prairie Creek Mine. The documents provided by Canadian Zinc Corporation largely correspond to material identified previously by the developer in its letter to the Review Board of October 17, 2008 (available on the public record).

Separate lists of the documents received from INAC and Canadian Zinc Corporation on November 19, 2008, are included below. These documents will be available on the Public Registry as soon as they can be reviewed by Review Board staff to see whether there is any overlap with documents already on the public record for this file.

***Forthcoming Information Requests and Instructions on Request for Ruling***

The Review Board met on November 20, 2008 and decided to issue information requests to various parties to make sure that all potentially relevant materials that can assist in the Review Board's decision on the Request for Ruling made by Ecojustice Canada (on behalf of the Dehcho First Nations and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society) are available to all interested parties on the Review Board's public registry for this file. Specific Information Requests will be issued to INAC, Canadian Zinc Corporation, and Ecojustice and its clients. In addition, all other interested parties will be invited to bring forward any historic evidence that can assist the Review Board in determining the appropriate scope of development for this environmental assessment.

Review Board staff is currently finalizing a list of documents it has received that may be applicable to its decision on the Request for Ruling, as well as a partial list of documents it believes to exist and be potentially relevant, but has no copies of. These lists will be appended to the Information Requests, which will come out later in the week of November 24, 2008. Additional instructions as to timelines for Information Request responses and input to the Review Board's ruling will be included in the Information Request package; interested parties are encouraged in the interim to start considering whether they have any information relevant to the Review Board's ruling they want to submit for the public record.

**Conclusion**

As always, if you have any questions, comments or requests for information, please contact me.

Regards,



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**The following is a list of documents received from INAC on November 19, 2008:**

*Comments on Draft Work Plan & Draft Terms of Reference from DIAND for Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation Surface Exploration-May 15, 2001*

*Draft Guidelines for Environmental Assessment Report Prairie Creek Project San Andreas Resources Corporation Ltd.- June 1995*

*Letter from INAC regarding Land Use Application N95F346- January 4, 1996.*

*Letter from INAC regarding Draft Guidelines for an Environmental Assessment Report, Prairie Creek Project, San Andreas Resources Corporation ltd. (June 1995)- August 8, 1995.*

*Letter from INAC to San Andreas Resources Ltd. Regarding Environmental Assessment of the Prairie Creek Project, -June 22, 1995.*

*Letter from INAC to San Andreas Resources Ltd. Regarding Environmental Assessment of the Prairie Creek Project, -May 18, 1995.*

*List of attendees for a Federal Agencies Meeting for San Andreas Resources Ltd, Prairie Creek Project,- April 12, 1995.*

*Letter from INAC to Kelvin Dushnisky-Rescan Services,- March 7, 1995.*

*Letter from Dehcho First Nations to INAC regarding Request for Attendance, San Andreas Environmental Review January 25, 1995,- January 30, 1995.*

*Letter from Canadian Heritage Parks Canada to INAC regarding the Project Description of Prairie Creek Mine Land Use Application N95F346, - January 25, 1995.*

*Letter from INAC to Rescan regarding a request to provide information, -August 19, 1994.*

*Letter from INAC to Alison de Pelham, Dehcho First Nations regarding Environmental Review: San Andreas Resources Corporation, Prairie Creek Project Description (Dec1994) and LUP application for Road Access.-January 25, 1995.*

*Memo from Chair of Regional Environmental Review Committee, regarding RERC meeting January 20, 1995,-January 23, 1995.*

*Letter from INAC to Josie Weninger, Wood Buffalo National Park, regarding Environmental Review: San Andreas Resources Corporation, Prairie Creek Project Description (Dec1994) and LUP application for Road Access.-January 20, 1995.*

*Memo from Chair of Regional Environmental Review Committee, regarding Environmental Review: San Andreas Resources Corporation, Prairie Creek Project Description (Dec1994) and LUP application for Road Access.-January 19, 1995.*

*Facsimile message to Chair of Regional Environmental Review Committee from Rescan, regarding Water Quality Parameters, CCME Guidelines and Lab Detection Limits, - January 11, 1995.*

*Facsimile message to Chair of Regional Environmental Review Committee from Rescan, regarding Prairie Creek Project Description Report and LUP application for Road Access, -December 23, 1994.*

*Letter from INAC to San Andreas Resources Ltd. Regarding receipt of Project Report ,January 10, 1995.*

*Project Description Report for Prairie Creek Project from San Andreas Resources Corporation, Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. Production, December 1994.*

*Application for LUP from San Andreas Resources Corporation, December 23, 1994.*

*Letter from INAC to San Andreas Resources Ltd. Regarding Prairie Creek Project Environmental Assessment & Review, - June 30, 1994.*

*Letter from San Andreas Resources Ltd. to the Regional Environmental Review Committee regarding Prairie Creek Project, -June 13, 1994.*

*Meeting Minutes #79- NWT Regional Environmental Review Committee , Prairie Creek Project-San Andreas Resources Corporation May 26, 1994.*

*Memo from Chair of Regional Environmental Review Committee to RERC Diamond Mining regarding meeting with San Andreas Resources-Prairie Creek Project, -May 11, 1994.*

*Memo from Chair of Regional Environmental Review Committee to RERC Diamond Mining regarding meeting with San Andreas Resources-Prairie Creek Project, -May 05, 1994.*

*Letter from Environment Canada to Arctic Section, Atmospheric & Hydrologic Sciences Division regarding Prairie Creek RERC Distribution List, -April 21, 1994.*

*Draft of a document from DFO – Heavy Metal Evaluation for Fish Samples from the South Nahanni River, July 1993.*

*Draft of document from D.R. Halliwell, IWD-NWT – Water Quality Monitoring of Nahanni National Park Reserve 1992 Assessment of Compliance with Water Quality Objectives -July 31, 1993.*

*1992/93 Annual Report on Water Quality Objectives Monitoring Nahanni National Park Reserve, NWT, prepared for Canadian Parks Service Prairie & Northern Region Environment Canada and Conservation and Protection Services Western & Northern Region Environment Canada.- August 1993.*

*List of Regional Environmental Review Committee- February 1994.*

*Memo from Lorna Skinner Environment and Conservation to RERC members regarding RERC Meeting Minutes #71 San Andreas Resources Corporation, -October 28, 1993.*

*Meeting Minutes #71, NWT Regional Environmental Review Committee San Andreas Resources Corporation-Prairie Creek Mine Site, October 25, 1993.*

*Facsimile from San Andreas Resources Corporation to Environment Canada, Septmeber 29, 1993.*

*Memo from Gordon Stewart Environment and Conservation to RERC Members regarding RERC Information Meeting- September 27, 1993.*

**The following is a list of documents received from Canadian Zinc Corporation on November 19, 2008:**

*1980- Preliminary Evaluation by Ker, Priestman & Associates (portions)*

*Effluent Treatment Option Plan 2006-various documents.*

*Flood Protection Work-various documents*

*Mine Water Contingency Plan –various documents*

*Polishing Pond – various documents*

*Probable Maximum Flood Calculations*

*Spill Contingency Plan- various documents*

*Tank Farm Inspection- various documents*

*Waste Rock & Ore Pile Monitoring*

*Wildlife Management Plan- various documents*

*Preliminary Evaluation for the Winter Road May 1981*

*Heavy Metal Evaluation for Fish, South Nahanni River-DFO, 1993.*

*Vegetation and Wildlife Studies, Beak Consultants, 1981.*

*Environmental Evaluation Cadillac Exploration, Ker, Priestman & Associates, 1990.*

*Wildlife Study by Beak Consultants, Addendum, 1982.*

*Project Description Report by Rescan Environmental, 1994*

*Controlled Road Use Plan 2007.*

*Wildlife Survey-Phase III Surface Exploration Drilling Project, Prairie Creek, 2006*

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