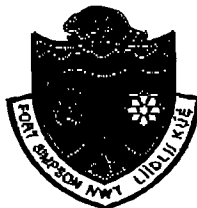


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June 14, 2011

Dear Board Members:

RE: Support for Canadian Zinc's Prairie Creek Project:

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board received four applications from Canadian Zinc on June 08, 2008. The applications were recommended for Environmental Assessment.

The Village of Fort Simpson is satisfied with the extensive review that has been conducted and believes that all major environmental concerns have been properly addressed by Canadian Zinc.

The Village recognizes the importance of this project in bringing economic development to the region and to the community. The IBA signed with the Nahanni Butte Dene Band and the reported close working relations with the Lidlili Kue First Nations are encouraging signs that all affected stakeholders will benefit from the development of this mine. Canadian Zinc is a good corporate citizen, has been very forthcoming with community communications, and has demonstrated ample willingness to share any benefits that may accrue from this project.

The Village is looking forward to a positive set of final recommendations from the MVEIRB that will hasten the start of this project, with a minimum of further delay.

Sean Whelley / *MAJOR*

For Village Council, Fort Simpson

c.c. Allan Taylor, COO, Canadian Zinc, VP Exploration