



March 14, 2017

Mr. Chuck Hubert
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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Hubert

**Re: Prairie Creek Mine All Season Access Road
Clarification of Co-Management with the NBDB**

Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) has received and is reviewing the Technical Reports submitted by parties to the all season road environmental assessment (EA). While we require time to provide substantive comments, we are providing this letter now to clarify the identity of the Developer and the basis for CZN's and the Nahanni Butte Dene Band's (NBDB) agreement to co-manage the development.

As we are required to do, CZN has engaged closely with local aboriginal groups during the course of the EA, particularly the NBDB, the closest community to the proposed road. CZN has an existing Impact Benefit Agreement with the NBDB. Because the proposed development has the potential to cause additional impacts on the NBDB, CZN and the NBDB have been discussing a Traditional Land Use Agreement (TLUA), which will include additional financial provisions in favour of the Band. However, a TLUA has not yet been concluded, although CZN did agree to immediately adopt the NBDB's request that the development be co-managed in terms of planning, studies and execution.

While we appreciate the NBDB's interest in, and support of, the proposed development, the 'Developer' is still CZN, and CZN remains responsible for the formal activities associated with the EA as the proponent. CZN will continue to engage closely with the NBDB on these and other matters.

Regarding the NBDB's recent land use activities, the NBDB has undertaken these on their own initiative, and without financial assistance from CZN. We note that the NBDB previously operated a logging road in the area of activity, and it is our understanding that the current activity is of a similar nature.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 604 688 2001.

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Yours truly,

CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION



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