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Chief Gerald Antoine  
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Chief Antoine:

**Participation in the Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1415-01)**

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (GNWT) is writing to you in reference to a letter Łíídlı́ Kúé First Nation sent to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) on February 12, 2016. This letter states that "the proponent, Canada and the GNWT have not consulted with LKFN on the new application."

The GNWT is providing the following information to assist the Łíídlı́ Kúé First Nation in participating in Prairie Creek All-season Access Road environmental assessment (EA) and related engagement opportunities.

The GNWT sent a letter on May 1, 2015 (attached) to Dehcho First Nation Grand Chief, copying the Dehcho First Nations process parties, including the Łíídlı́ Kúé First Nation, explaining the GNWT's approach to the duty to consult with respect to any aspects of the Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-season Road proposed project (Project) within its jurisdiction that might negatively affect asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. In that letter, the GNWT explained it will rely on the consultative processes of the MVEIRB EA process as well as developer engagement to assist in fulfilling its duty to consult.

The EA is currently at the technical review and information request phase. During the remaining phases of the EA process, the Łíídlı́ Kúé First Nation will have the opportunity to communicate any concerns to the MVEIRB, including during technical sessions, submission of information requests, and the public hearing phase.

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When providing input, the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation is encouraged to:

- Provide detailed information about whether any adverse impacts on your established or asserted Aboriginal or Treaty rights are anticipated as a result of this Project; and if so,
- clearly indicate the specific right(s) that may be affected, the specific impact(s) on those right(s), how those impacts could be mitigated, as well as any evidence that will help the GNWT in understanding those impacts; and,
- assist the MVEIRB in understanding the evidence that the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation provides, including any traditional knowledge, with respect to both potential impacts and mitigations.

The GNWT works closely with the Government of Canada throughout the EA process, to carefully monitor and track Aboriginal government and organizations' statements of any potential negative effects on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. Working collaboratively, the GNWT and the Government of Canada will assess whether any potential negative effects on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights have been adequately addressed and will ensure that the GNWT and the Government of Canada have met the duty to consult before any decision is made under section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The GNWT understands that the Government of Canada, through the Northern Projects Management Office, is sending the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation a letter similar to this one.

The GNWT encourages your participation in the current MVEIRB EA and in any potential post EA regulatory processes for the proposed Project. Please contact the MVEIRB directly for additional information about the EA process, including how to apply for party status and anticipated next steps.

The GNWT also encourages the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation to work closely with Canadian Zinc Corporation, the Project developer, who is the best source of information to understand the nature and scope of the proposed Project. By copy of this letter, the GNWT also encourages the developer to engage with the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation. Such engagement should allow the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation to identify any potential adverse impacts of the Project, discuss alternatives to avoid or mitigate such impacts, and discuss whether the Łíídlíj Kúé First Nation wishes to provide traditional and local knowledge or advice on the Project.

If you have questions regarding the role of the GNWT in this EA or its duty to consult, please contact Lorraine Seale, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at [lorraine.seale@gov.nt.ca](mailto:lorraine.seale@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9183 ext. 24067, or Véronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Project Assessment Analyst, at [Veronique DAmours-Gauthier@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Veronique.DAmours-Gauthier@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

- c. Grand Chief Herb Norwegian  
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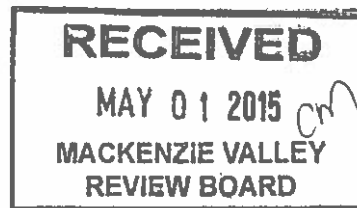
Mr. Matthew Spence  
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Mr. John Kearney  
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May 1, 2015



Dear Grand Chief Norwegian:

**Participation in the Canadian Zinc Corporation – Prairie Creek All Season Road and Airstrip (EA1415-01) Environmental Assessment**

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (the GNWT) is writing to you in reference to the environmental assessment (EA) and anticipated regulatory processes for the proposed Canadian Zinc Corporation Prairie Creek All Season Road and Airstrip (the Project).

As the area of the proposed Project is partially on federal land, the delegation of EA decision-making authority to the GNWT's Minister of Lands under the Devolution Final Agreement does not apply. Therefore, for this particular EA, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will retain the EA decision authority. This authority is pursuant to section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). The Ministers of relevant GNWT departments will participate in the EA decision process as Responsible Ministers.

The GNWT is responsible for ensuring that it has met its duty to consult with respect to any aspects of the Project within its jurisdiction that might negatively affect asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. The GNWT will rely on the consultative processes of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) as well as proponent engagement to assist in fulfilling the GNWT's duty to consult. Throughout these processes, the GNWT will carefully monitor and track Aboriginal government and organizations' statements of any potential negative effects on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. The GNWT will assess whether any potential negative effects on asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights have been adequately addressed and ensure that the GNWT has met its duty to consult before any decision is made under section 130 of the MVRMA.

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The GNWT encourages your participation in the MVEIRB and post EA processes for the proposed Project. The GNWT also encourages you to work closely with the Project developer who is the best source of information on the proposed Project.

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the Project EA, please contact Charlotte Henry, Project Assessment Analyst, Department of Lands, at (867) 765-6785 or [charlotte\\_henry@gov.nt.ca](mailto:charlotte_henry@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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Chief Lloyd Chicot, Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation  
Acting Chief Steven Jose, Liidlil Kue First Nation  
Chief Michael Matou, Nahanni Butte Dene Band  
Chief Dolphus Jumbo, Sambaa K'e Dene Band  
Chief Courtney Cayen, West Point First Nation  
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## Sachi De Souza

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**From:** Veronique DAmours-Gauthier <Veronique\_DAmours-Gauthier@gov.nt.ca>  
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**Cc:** Sachi De Souza; Matthew Spence; John Kearney; herb\_norwegian@dehcho.org  
**Subject:** Government of the Northwest Territories's response to Łíídlıj Kúé First Nation letter dated February 12, 2016  
**Attachments:** 160301\_GNWT letter to LKFN.pdf; EA1415-01\_GNWT\_Letters\_to\_Aboriginal\_Groups.pdf

Dear Chief Antoine,

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (GNWT) is writing to you in reference to a letter Łíídlıj Kúé First Nation sent to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) on February 12, 2016. The letter and its attachment are attached to this email.

If you have questions regarding the role of the GNWT in this EA or its duty to consult, please contact Lorraine Seale, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at [lorraine\\_seale@gov.nt.ca](mailto:lorraine_seale@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9183 ext. 24067, or Véronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Project Assessment Analyst, at [Veronique\\_DAmours-Gauthier@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Veronique_DAmours-Gauthier@gov.nt.ca) or 867-767-9183 ext. 24071.

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