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The Rt. Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A2

Re: Proposed all-season access road operating on Nahanni Butte Traditional Lands and within Nahanni National Park Reserve.

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Further to our letter dated July 8th 2016, we wish to inform your office that we are making excellent progress negotiating a Traditional Land Use Agreement (TLUA) with Canadian Zinc Corporation covering their proposed all-season access road to the Prairie Creek Mine within the boundaries of the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

At this stage in our negotiations there is agreement that the Nahanni Butte Dene Band will co-manage all future undertakings such as heritage studies, road surveying, and environmental and wildlife monitoring related to the proposed road (see attached pdf copy of CZN letter to NBDB of Sept28/16).

We are contacting your office to ask for assistance in facilitating the inclusion of Parks Canada as a third-party to the co-management agreement of this important economic development project, and to guide us through the process of determining conditions of transit on Indigenous Branch Lands set aside for the Community of Nahanni Butte.

Looking forward to your consideration and would appreciate if you could respond by return email.

Sincerely,



Chief Peter Marcellais

CC: Alan Taylor, COO, Canadian Zinc Corporation
Mohan Denetto, Regional Director General, AANDC, Yellowknife, NT
Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Review Board
Attachments: Canadian Zinc letter to NBDB, Sept28/16