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We would like to hear your and your Board's position, southenfully on the parts

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Tom Lee CEO, Parks Canada 25 Eddy Street Hull, P.Q. K1A 0M5

Dear Mr. Lee,

## Prairie Creek Mine - Nahanni National Park

We are extremely concerned about the cumulative negative effects Prairie Creek Mine will have on Nahanni National Park. The proposed re-opening of the mine should be stopped immediately and the borders of this pristine Park should be expanded.

We find it incomprehensible and inexcusable that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board is assessing the project on the basis of separate phases and that no measurement of the cumulative and quantitative effects of this project is taking place.

You in your position as CEO of Parks Canada should be opposing this, and every one else who is copied with this letter should be taking a serious and active interest in this process from their specific areas of responsibility.

This lax attitude to commercial development and the potential permanent negative effects it may have on the surrounding areas, is inexcusable. The long term protection of such areas is infinitely more in the interest of Canada than the short term gain to be had from its industrial exploitation.

You have a legal as well as social and moral responsibility to the people of Canada to intervene. Please do so.

Yours sincerely,

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