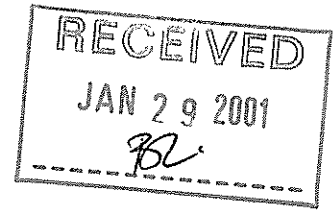


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Louie,

On Friday Jan 26/01, I sent you a package of info on the IR for the Canadian Zinc project, for the two questions posed by the Board.

With regard to the question on DIAND's policy on the Deh Cho First Nations' position to protect the Nahanni National Park Reserve watershed, I have received a shorter and more specific reply to the question. This is attached.

Hope the new info is helpful.

Ranjit

## Request for Information from the MVEIRB

Q:DIAND's policy on the Deh Cho First Nations' position to protect the Nahanni National park Reserve watershed.

R. Canada is currently engaged with the Deh Cho First Nations and the Government of the Northwest Territories in a process aimed at resolving land, resource and self-government issues in the Deh Cho region.

As part of this process, the three parties are currently negotiating a Framework Agreement and Interim Measures Agreement (IMA). The IMA will regulate the relationship of the three parties on various issues dealing with land use and resource management/development until the signing of a Final Agreement. The IMA provides also for a land withdrawal process.

Following the signing of the IMA, Canada will enter into land withdrawal negotiations with the Deh Cho First Nations for the purposes of addressing issues such as land withdrawals within the South Nahanni River watershed. However, at this time, Canada has no position or policy regarding which areas the parties may agree to withdraw.

It is expected these negotiations will commence in Spring 2001.