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Cc: Nahanni Butte Dene Band
Subject: Nahanni Butte Response to Cdn Zinc Applications.

Greg,

Thank-you for couriering copies of the Canadian Zinc's three applications directly to me.

I have reviewed the applications but I feel our firm lacks the technical expertise to provide meaningful comments. As a result we have consulted with representatives of INAC with mining and environmental expertise, including previous work on the Prairie Creek mine. They assured us the applications were normal course for this stage of development and that approval conditions would address any environmental concerns. We understand they will provide comments directly to the MVLWB. At face, the water to be handled at the pilot mine would be our largest concern, but we understand this is a well known and mitigateable concern under existing technologies.

Our Community has always demanded that Canadian Zinc conduct themselves in an environmentally sound manner. In addition to legislation, our Community has contracted with Canadian Zinc to reinforce this undertaking to operate with a deep respect for the "land and water".

Canadian Zinc have indicated they will also be bringing forward a proposal the address historical fuel storage at two sites. Our Community supports this and we may be directly involved in the "clean-up".

On the basis of the above, Nahanni Butte **supports** the MVLWB in issuing the Water License and Land Use Permits.

Bill Beaton,
Northern Projects Inc., authorized representative of the Nahanni ButteDene Band