

Nahanni Butte Dene Band

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April 12, 2001

Mr. Greg Smith
Regulatory Officer
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board
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Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: Canadian Zinc Corporation - Prairie Creek Mine - Water Licence and Land Use Applications - MV2001L2-0003, MV2001C0022, MV 2001C0023

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band has reviewed the Applications for a Water Licence and Land Use Permits submitted to the Land and Water Board by Canadian Zinc for work planned at the Prairie Creek Mine this coming summer in support of future operations.

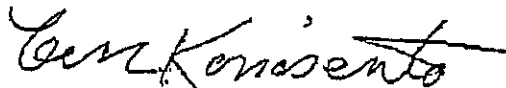
Canadian Zinc has reviewed its plans with us and we are comfortable that the work can be carried out without harm to the environment.

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band therefore supports Canadian Zinc in its efforts and supports the Board issuing the Water Licence and Land Use Permits to Canadian Zinc without referral to the Environmental Impact Review.

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band signed the Prairie Creek Development Cooperation Agreement with Canadian Zinc in 1996. In the Agreement the Band proclaimed its support for the development of an environmentally sound mining operation and access road at Prairie Creek.

The Band considers the Agreement to continue to be valid and expects Canadian Zinc to continue to honor its commitments under the Agreement as it carries out its developments.

Yours truly,



Chief Leon Konisenta
Nahanni Butte Dene Band

Cc: Deh Cho First Nations Fax: 867-695-2038



CANADIAN ZINC
CORPORATION

Date: April 19, 2001
To: Roland Semjanovs; Louie Azzolini
MVEIRB By fax: 1-867-920-4761
From: Peter Campbell
Re: **Letter of Support – Nahanni Butte Dene Band**

Roland/Louie:

In correspondence forwarded to you earlier this week by Malcolm Swallow of this office, reference was made to a letter of support received from the Nahanni Butte Dene Band.

A copy of this letter, from Chief Leon Konisenta to Greg Smith of the MVLWB dated April 12, 2001 is appended for your reference and files.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Campbell".

Peter

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Mackenzie Valley Land
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File MV2001L2-0003

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Application # MV2001C0022

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Dear Sir:

**RE: Land Use Permit Application – Canadian Zinc Corporation
MV2001C0022, MV2001C0023 and MV2001L2-0003
Surface Exploration Program, Underground Decline and Exploration
And Exploration and Water License for Metallurgic Plant Operation –
Prairie Creek Mine**

We have reviewed the application package provided to us for the above. Our First Nation is concerned about the impact that the proposed drilling program may have on our traditional territory due to the program's potential to adversely affect the quality of the waterways within the South Nahanni watershed. Further, as some overlap does exist between our traditional territory and the traditional territory of the Nahanni Butte First Nation, we are also concerned about the program's direct impact on our traditional land users.

As you know, the South Nahanni watershed is of great environmental and cultural significance to the Deh Cho First Nations. Through the Deh Cho Process, the Deh Cho First Nations are actively seeking to establish a role for themselves in protecting the lands and resources in their traditional territories while facilitating sustainable development. The draft Interim Measures Agreement, which was approved by the Deh Cho leadership in February 2001 and has been initialed will provide for land withdrawals to protect environmentally sensitive lands during the negotiation of a Final Agreement.

Accordingly, in light of our concerns, we would ask that you deny the application submitted on behalf of Canadian Zinc.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Cli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "C".

Chief Rita Cli
Liidlil Kue First Nation

c. Mr. Alan Taylor, Canadian Zinc
Rath & Company, Barristers & Solicitors



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COMMENTS

RE: Land Use Permit Application
Canadian Zinc as per att.
Response letter.

Thank you very much for the
extension.

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April 15, 2001

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Mackenzie Valley Land
& Water Board

File MV2001L2-0003

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Application # MV2001C0023
MV2001C0022

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Dear Mr. Weagle:

Land Use Permit Application


Canadian Zinc Corporation – MV2001C0022, MV2001C0023, MV2001L2-0003
Surface Exploration Program, Underground Decline Development and Exploration,
and Water License for Metallurgic Plant Operation – Prairie Creek Mine

Attached you will find comments regarding the above stated land use permits and water license application made by the Canadian Zinc Corporation.

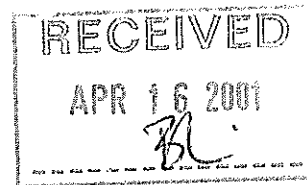
The Pehdzeh Ki First Nation, acting as the local government of the Settlement of Wrigley is referring the project under Section 126(2)(c) of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act to the Mackenzie Valley Environment Impact Review Board due to significant environmental and public concern. The Settlement of Wrigley expects a full environmental impact review regarding the cumulative effects of an eventual full mine operation. The water quality downstream will be significantly impacted and eventually affect the Settlement of Wrigley. This is our greatest concern and would like to take all necessary environmental precautions before a full mine operation.

A copy of this letter will be forwarded to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board for their information.

Sincerely,


James Sergeant
Senior Administrative Officer

cc: Mr. Gordon Lennie, Chairperson, MVEIRB



**Pehdzeh Ki First Nation
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April 16, 2001

Executive Director
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION –
MV2001C0022, MV2001C0023, MV2001L2-0003, Surface Exploration Program,
Underground Decline Development and Exploration, and Water License for
Metalurgical Plant Operation – Prairie Creek Mine.**

Please find attached the following comments regarding the above stated land use permits and water license applications made by the Canadian Zinc Corporation

The Pehdzeh Ki First Nation is very concerned that there has so far been virtually no consultation between Canadian Zinc Corporation and affected Deh Cho First Nations regarding this permit application, despite the claims by the company on page 8 of the March 5, 2001 Project Description. There have been no discussions whatsoever with the PKFN and it is my understanding that the "consultations" which are described on page 8 between Canadian Zinc and the DCFN and LKFN amounted to nothing more than very brief, vague presentations by company officials about their plans. There certainly were not "consultations" as that term has been defined by the Canadian Courts, or even as it is defined in the MVRMA. The DCFN has specifically advised Canadian Zinc that it does not consider the brief November 22, 2000 meeting, or the letters of December 27, 2000 and February 27, 2001 to constitute consultation.

The total lack of consultation is very troubling because we have been repeatedly assured by Mr. Weagle that the MVLWB would not accept an application for a land or water use permit unless it was satisfied that consultations have occurred prior to the application being submitted. Mr. Weagle very clearly and strongly informed us that any application which was submitted without thorough consultation by the applicant would be rejected as an "incomplete application". In fact, the decision by the DCFN Leadership to participate in the MVLWB through our Interim Measures Agreement was largely based upon this assurance.

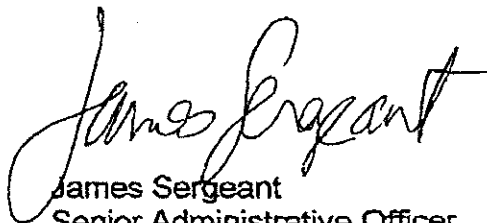
If the MVLWB's definition of "consultations" amounts to nothing more than the minimal efforts undertaken so far by Canadian Zinc, the PKFN may have to re-consider its decision to participate in the MVLWB.

In the meantime, I urge you to reject the application and inform the applicant that thorough consultations must take place with all affected First Nations before an application for a permit is submitted.

Without prejudice to our position that the application for a permit must be rejected as incomplete, the PKFN, acting as the local government for the settlement of Wrigley, is referring the project under Section 126(2)c of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board due to significant environmental and public concern. We expect a full environmental impact review regarding the cumulative effects of an eventual full mine operation. Water quality downstream may be significantly impacted and will eventually affect the drinking water of the settlement of Wrigley. This is our greatest concern and we insist on taking all the necessary precautions before a full miner operation.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

Sincerely yours,



James Sergeant
Senior Administrative Officer
Settlement of Wrigley

c.c. Gordon Lennie, Chair, MVEIRB
Grand Chief Michael Nadli, Deh Cho First Nations