

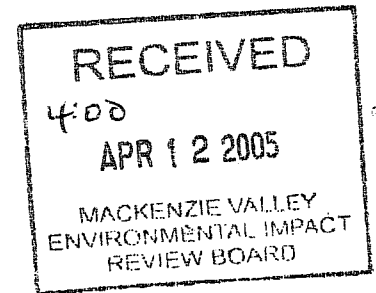


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Dear Mr. Haefele:

Canadian Zinc Corporation EA-0405-02
Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference

The Government of the Northwest Territories has reviewed the *Draft Terms of Reference of the Canadian Zinc Corporation Phase 3 Surface Drilling Exploration Program - Prairie Creek Mine* issued on March 29, 2005 by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board. The following comments are provided for your consideration.

Comments and Recommendations:
Section C - Project Response to Environmental Sensitivity

The Detailed Project Description indicated that Dall's Sheep appear common in the Prairie Creek area. It also stated that sheep natality areas are typically located in rugged terrain similar to that found in the proposed Phase 3 exploration area. While specific natality areas have not been identified at this time by the Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZC), the Description states: "*Caution will be required with helicopter use to reduce the risk of affecting ewes in their birthing areas (if any are present)*".

The Draft Terms of Reference requires CZC to provide Project alternatives and mitigation measures for any area that meets sensitivity criteria. Bullet six of the criteria should be expanded to include natality areas. Mineral licks should also be included in this bullet, as these areas will also be used by wildlife.

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Please call Mr. Paul Cobban, Environmental Assessment Analyst at (867) 920-6106 with any questions that you may have regarding the above comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,


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