



August 2, 2005

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**Re: Canadian Zinc – Phase III Drilling – Environmental Assessment No.EAQ405-002
Status of CPAWS – Reasons for the Decision**

Dear Chair:

We acknowledge receipt of your letters of July 21 and 26, 2005 from Martin Haefele, Environmental Assessment Officer, advising that the Review Board had denied our request to revoke The Canadian Parks And Wildlife Society (CPAWS) party status and attaching the Review Board's Reasons for Decision.

We had not anticipated that our letter of July 14th would be treated in a formal way as a Request for a Ruling and we did not make legal submissions on the matter, as Sierra Legal Defense Fund did on behalf of CPAWS-NWT on July 19. Nevertheless, we are satisfied with the process adopted and appreciate the Reasons provided by the Board.

We acknowledge that none of the information on the activities of CPAWS about which we expressed concern forms part of the record in this EA, which is specifically focused on the Phase III Drilling Program, and we recognize the objectives of the EA process and appreciate the work of the Board and its staff.

As we said in our letter of July 14th, CZN cannot stop, and does not seek to stop CPAWS, or indeed any other interested party or member of the public, whether they support or oppose the Prairie Creek mine, making submissions. We understand that the Review Board will in due course evaluate all submissions, including any submissions by CPAWS, and make decisions on the weight to be assigned thereto.

I am afraid, however, that we cannot concede that the activities of CPAWS about which we expressed concern is not, to use language from the Reasons abusive, improper or vexatious, or that the misleading and inaccurate information concerning the Prairie Creek mine disseminated by CPAWS constitutes healthy and respectful debate.

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We look forward with interest to the completion of this EA and we will monitor carefully any Information Requests received from CPAWS.

We thank the Board for addressing this matter expeditiously.

Yours truly

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