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Mr. Vern Christensen
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Dear Mr. Christensen:

Environmental Assessment - Prairie Creek EA0405-02 Exploration Drilling

During the Public Hearings held in Fort Simpson on October 6, 2005, by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) for the Prairie Creek Exploration Drilling Environmental Assessment (EA0405), the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) agreed to provide the Review Board with a list of developer's commitments. To complete this undertaking, the GNWT has worked with Mr. David Harpley of Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZC) to ensure that the final commitments are mutually agreeable. Mr. Harpley has provided these final commitments in the attached letter dated October 14, 2005. I wish to confirm that these commitments meet the final wording as agreed to by CZC and the GNWT.

These commitments reflect what the GNWT considers to be the majority of what is necessary to ensure that the project will not have any significant environmental impacts on wildlife. There has been no agreement between the GNWT and CZC on our recommendation that:

"The proponent should work with the GNWT and other agencies to develop a Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the Prairie Creek site"

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In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to Canadian Zinc Corporation for their cooperative approach. I trust that this undertaking will assist the Review Board during your assessment of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



R. P. Bailey
Deputy Minister

Attachment

c. List Attached

Mr. David Harpley
Environmental Coordinator
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Mr. Paul Kraft
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