

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

Our file: EA 0405-002

February 18, 2005

To: Canadian Zinc Corporation EA Distribution List

Re: SCOPING SESSIONS for the Environmental Assessment of Canadian Zinc Corporation's proposed Phase 3 Surface Drilling Exploration

This letter is intended to follow up on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (MVEIRB) February 8, 2005 letter, which proposed scoping sessions for the Canadian Zinc Corporation's Phase 3 drilling environmental assessment. Following the responses to this letter, MVEIRB has adjusted the scheduling and nature of the sessions.

On March 3, 2005 we will hold a scoping session in Yellowknife. The purpose of the session will be to identify the information requirements for the assessment. A tentative agenda for the session is attached. Representatives from all interested parties are invited to attend. The scoping session immediately follows the MVEIRB's EA Practitioner's Workshop March 1 and 2 to facilitate participation of parties outside of Yellowknife.

To accommodate the scheduling needs of the potentially-affected communities, MVEIRB will organize a series of community sessions at a later date. The purpose of those sessions will be to identify the concerns that potentially-affected communities have, and to focus the assessment on the key issues. Exact dates have not yet been set, but it is envisioned that the sessions will take place in mid-April.

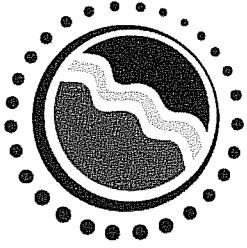
Parties interested in attending the Yellowknife scoping session should contact Martin Haefele before 5:00 pm on Monday, February 28, 2005, at mhaefele@mveirb.nt.ca, or phone at (867) 766-7053 or by facsimile at (867) 766-7074.

If you are interested in participating in the practitioners' work shop, please contact me at mtapsell@mveirb.nt.ca or (867) 766-7063 as soon as possible, if you have not yet done so. An agenda for the practitioner's workshop is attached as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Tapsell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Mary Tapsell,
Manager, Environmental Assessment



Agenda (tentative)

- Issue Scoping Session for Canadian Zinc Corporation's proposed Phase 3 Surface Drilling Exploration -

Time: March 3, 2005 - starting at 9:00 am
Place: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's Board Meeting; Room #, Bellanca Building,
Yellowknife

- 9:00 am – Introduction to Scoping Session by Mary Tapsell, Manager EA, MVEIRB
- 9:10 am – Identification of Interested Parties present
- 9:20 am – Presentation on proposed undertaking by Alan Taylor, VP Exploration,
Canadian Zinc Corporation
- 10:00 am – Break
- 10:15 am – Identification of main issues by Interested Parties
- 12:00 am – Break for Lunch
- 1:00 pm – Continue Identification of main issues by Interested Parties
- 3:00 pm – Break
- 3:15 pm – Consolidation of main issues
- 3:45 pm – Closing remarks by Mary Tapsell, MVEIRB

The times for the above-cited agenda items may vary depending on the interest and requirements of the parties present. While the scoping session may not require the entire day, MVEIRB has booked the INAC Boardroom for the day in the event that more time is needed.

Refreshments will be available for the meeting, however lunch will not be provided.

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Environmental Assessment (EA)

Practitioner's Workshop

“COmanagement . . .COoperation . . .COmmunication”

March 1 & 2, 2005

Katimavik Rooms B&C

Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife

Workshop Agenda

Day One

Tuesday, March 1st

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| <i>9:00 - 9:15am</i> | <i>Welcome</i> | <i>Jerry Loomis, Acting Chairperson, MVEIRB</i> |
| | <i>Introductions, Review Agenda</i> | <i>Hal Mills, Facilitator</i> |
| <i>9:15 - 9:30am</i> | <i>Objectives</i> | <i>Mary Tapsell, MVEIRB</i> |
| | Improve understanding of internal processes of the various participants in an environmental assessment. Identify areas needing improvement, and come up with some creative solutions! | |
| <i>9:30 - 10:00am</i> | <i>MVEIRB Internal Process Presentation</i> | <i>MVEIRB</i> |
| | To open the lines of communication, the workshop will begin with the host's review of their internal processes. A question and answer period will follow. | |
| <i>10:00 - 10:15am</i> | <i>Coffee Break</i> | |
| | <i>Panel “Talk Shows”</i> | |
| | Panel “talk shows” will be conducted in informal round-table settings. The idea is for other groups to gain insight into how the EA process works for other parties. The facilitator will guide the beginning portion of each segment followed by a question and answer period. This will provide an opportunity for people to ask questions about another group's working process. | |
| <i>10:15 - 11:15am</i> | <i>Non-Government Panel</i> | |
| <i>11:15 - 12:15pm</i> | <i>Aboriginal/Community Panel</i> | |
| <i>12:15 - 1:30pm</i> | <i>Lunch</i> | |
| <i>1:30 - 2:30pm</i> | <i>Industry Panel</i> | |

- 2:30 – 2:45pm *Coffee Break*
- 2:45 – 3:45pm *Government Panel*
- 3:45 – 4:30pm *Recap of Panel discussions . . . Thoughts for tomorrow . . .*

Day Two
Wednesday, March 2nd

- 9:00 – 9:10am *Summary of Day 1, Review Agenda for Day 2* *Hal Mills*
- 9:10 – 10:15am *Past Environmental Assessments: A MVEIRB Perspective* *MVEIRB Staff*
The Board would like to take this time to share what they've learned through past EAs. The discussion will focus on what is working, what has not worked and what changes have been made to the process.
- 10:15 – 10:30am *Coffee Break*
- 10:30 – 11:30pm *The Good News . . . and the Bad News . . .*
Tables will brainstorm and identify the top five areas that are working in the EA process and the top five areas that need improvement.
- 11:30 – 12:00 *Some things are happening over at the Board* *MVEIRB Staff*
Board staff will take a few minutes to present the progress of some new initiatives the Board is undertaking
- 12:00 – 1:30pm *Lunch*
- 1:30– 1:45pm *The TOP TEN LIST* *Hal Mills*
The facilitator will identify the top ten issues identified by the groups. People will be asked to “sign” up to a group that they wish to participate in for recommending change and solutions.
- 1:45 – 2:30pm *Improving the EA Process (Part 1)*
Participants will work with others to address the issue they have chosen.
- 2:30 – 3:15pm *Improving the EA Process (Part 2)*
Participants will move to a different group and participate in addressing another issue.
- 3:15 – 3:30pm *Coffee Break*
- 3:30 – 4:30pm *Suggestions to Ponder . . . Pathways to Follow . . .*
Each group will present any findings, recommendations and suggestions they have on their topic. All participants will have an opportunity to add their observations.
- 4:30pm *Closing Remarks, Adjournment*