



Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

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EA0405-002 Distribution List

Re: Canadian Zinc Phase III Drilling EA – DAR Conformity and Information Requests

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) has determined that the Developer's Assessment Report for the environmental assessment (EA) is in conformity with the Terms of Reference that were issued on April 22, 2005.

The MVEIRB is now providing the parties to the EA with the opportunity to identify Information Requests they deem necessary to perform an analysis of the Developer's Assessment Report or necessary for the MVEIRB to come to an appropriate decision.

Information Requests may be directed at the developer or at any other party to the assessment. All requests have to be submitted to and approved by the MVEIRB. Please submit your Information Requests at your earliest convenience but no later than June 22, 2005.

The MVEIRB's standard format for Information Requests with some explanations is attached. If possible, please use this format. Should you have any questions regarding the Information Request process, do not hesitate to contact Martin Haefele or myself at any time.

The following organizations are a party to this EA:

- Deh Cho First Nation
- Nahanni Butte Dene Band
- Pehdzeh Ki First Nation
- Dene Nation
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Environment Canada
- Government of the NWT
- Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
- Parks Canada
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society

Sincerely

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Standard Format for MVEIRB Information Requests

Note: The purpose of Information Requests is to provide the MVEIRB with the information it needs in order to decide whether the proposed development is likely to have a significant adverse environmental effect. They are a tool for the Board to obtain additional information, clarification on issues, and to answer questions that arise during the proceedings of an Environmental Assessment.

Information requests can originate from and be directed at all parties to the assessment. A party that acts as an advisor to the Board, e.g., can request information that is necessary for that party's technical analysis of the Developer's Assessment Report. **All Information Requests have to be approved by the Board.** Please use this where at all possible.

IR Number: *Number is assigned by MVEIRB*

Source: *Organization from which the request originates (your organization)*

To: *Who the request is directed at (i.e. organization(s) expected to answer or provide information), e.g. the developer or a government department.*

DAR Section: *The section(s) of the Developer's Assessment Report the Information Request refers to. If referring to specific statements, quote the DAR statements.*

Terms of Reference Section: *The section(s) of the Terms of Reference for the EA that the Information Request refers to. If appropriate quote the relevant section.*

Note: The MVEIRB will generally not accept any Information Requests outside the scope of the Assessment. Information Requests should refer to specific terms of reference.

Preamble

Provide background information and a rationale for your request. The preamble should identify any shortcomings of the DAR and how the requested information will be relevant. For example: "The DAR describes various mitigation measures to minimize impacts on wildlife, but does not specify which measure is aimed at which species. To determine the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures the species they are aimed at should be known".

Request

The question the organization the request is directed to is to answer. For example: "Please identify which mitigation measures are aimed at minimizing impacts on moose". A question may consist of several parts.

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