

May 30, 2011

EA0809-002 Prairie Creek Mine, Canadian Zinc Corporation

To the parties:

Re: Pre-hearing conference – June 6, 2011

A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for June 6, 2011 from 9:30 am to 12 noon mountain time. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Mackenzie Valley Review Board office located in the Scotia Centre in Yellowknife.

Parties that are outside Yellowknife can join by teleconference at 1-877-215-4724. The participant code is 3404306.

Purpose of a pre-hearing conference

This pre-hearing conference gives parties an opportunity to assist in planning for the community hearing in Nahanni Butte and the public hearing in Fort Simpson. The meeting will include all parties to this environmental assessment (EA) along with Review Board staff and counsel. The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to:

- Outline the process for community and public hearings
- Identify resolved and unresolved issues between parties
- Set the agenda for the hearings
- Clarify the procedures and answer any questions

The pre-hearing conference will be most efficient if parties are familiar with the Review Board's rules of procedures. Participants should be aware of resolved and unresolved issues in order to focus discussions during the meeting.

The pre-hearing conference will be informal and chaired by Review Board staff. Review Board members will not be present.



How to prepare for the pre-hearing conference

Parties should consult the Rules of Procedure available online in the reference library section on our website (http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference_lib/index.php?section=19). The following questions may assist parties in preparation for the pre-hearing conference.

- What are the unresolved or outstanding issues
- Why are these issues being raised
- Are there opportunities for resolving a particular issue
- What are the relevant facts in this EA
- Do parties agree on these facts
- Will technical advisors be assisting parties
- On what documents are parties relying
- What documents are needed from parties and why
- How much time during the hearing is needed for each issue

After the pre-hearing conference, parties will be requested to prepare a presentation that each party will present during the hearings. These presentations will be submitted to the Review Board who will circulate them to all parties prior to the hearings. In this way, all parties are aware of the material to be presented during the hearings and no new material is introduced for the first time at the hearings.

What to bring to a pre-hearing conference

Parties should attend the pre-hearing conference with the following material:

- List of issues to be addressed at the hearing
- List of any documents required from other parties with rationale
- List of any technical advisors
- Identification of issues that are unresolved, description of efforts to resolve issues, description of why agreement was not reached and what resolution may be acceptable

A list of parties to the Prairie Creek Mine EA and an agenda for the pre-hearing conference are attached. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hubert
Environmental Assessment Officer



EA0809-002 – Prairie Creek Mine: List of parties

- Canadian Zinc Corporation
- Nahanni Butte Dene Band
- Dehcho First Nations
- Liidlíi Kue First Nation
- Government of the NWT
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Environment Canada
- Parks Canada
- Transport Canada
- Fisheries & Oceans Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society



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Pre-hearing Conference Agenda

June 6, 2011

9:30 am – 12 noon MT

1. Opening comments from Review Board staff
2. Review of Rules of Procedure and hearing process
3. Clarify difference between community hearing and public hearing
4. Determine unresolved issues from parties
5. Statement from parties on resolved issues
6. Agenda for community and public hearings
7. Time allotments for presentations at hearings
8. Closing remarks

Dial-in number: 1-877-215-4724

Participant code: 3404306