

Our File: EA1415-01
November 6th, 2015

David Britton
Field Unit Superintendent, Southwest NWT
Parks Canada

Dear Mr. Britton,

Re: Airstrip within Nahanni National Park Reserve

The Review Board would like Parks Canada to provide additional detail on the reasons for the determination that an airstrip cannot be authorized within the Nahanni National Park Reserve. Parks Canada stated in its letter of April 8th, 2015¹ that it “cannot authorize the lease, licence of occupation or easement to construct an airstrip within Nahanni National Park Reserve.”

Canadian Zinc Corporation (CanZinc) has submitted materials to the Review Board which refer to an airstrip within Nahanni National Park Reserve. The Review Board requested clarification from CanZinc about the inclusion of an airstrip in its adequacy response material². In response, CanZinc stated that it does not agree with Parks Canada’s position on an airstrip within the park and believes the airstrip can be authorized³. Therefore, it included the airstrip in its submission to the Review Board, so that suitable information is present in the event that the airstrip issue is revisited.

Please provide additional details on the reasons for Parks Canada’s decision, to help the Review Board confirm the scope of the development and assessment for this project. If you have any questions please contact Sachi De Souza at sdesouza@reviewboard.ca or 867-766-7054.

Regards,



JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson

¹ http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_Parks_Canada_letter_regarding_the_airstrip.PDF

² http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_Letter_to_CanZinc_DAR_AddendumAdequacy.PDF

³ http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_CanZinc_response_to_MVEIRB_2-Oct-2015_letter.PDF