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Member for Nahendeh

Mackenzie Valley Land  
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January 27, 2012

Mr. Willard Hagen,  
Chair & Chief Executive Officer  
Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board  
P.O. Box 2130  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P6

**FAXED**

Dear Mr. Hagen:

**OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANADIAN ZINC PRAIRIE CREEK MINE**

As the MLA for Nahendeh, I have observed Canadian Zinc Corporation's (CZN) tireless efforts in the development process of their mine within the Nahendeh region. Several years ago the Nahanni Expansion Working group recommended CZC interest within the Nahanni National Park Reserve continue. They have been consistent with the fact that they can operate and develop a mine within the Nahanni National Park Reserve and do it in an environmentally sound and efficient manner.

I have seen in the past several years the positive economic impacts the limited exploration has had on the Nahendeh region. CZN has employees from the communities and has been utilizing as many local resources as possible. I do believe that this level of sincerity is benefitting our local communities and business will only continue.

This letter confirms my support for the development and the operation of the Prairie Creek Mine contingent on the fact that it is in compliance with all applicable regulations, laws, and in an environmentally responsible manner.

A strong Impacts Benefit Agreement (IBA), which is monitored, will also encourage positive business relations and benefits to our communities. I must note there is an IBA with LliidliiKue First Nation and Nahanni Butte Dene Band to date.


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I recognize the potential this development will bring and the significant economic benefits that will arise for the Dehcho region. To this end, I will endeavour to work with CZC towards maximizing any of the economic opportunities the Prairie Creek Mine Operations may present.

Sincerely,



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MLA Nahendeh

Copy Mr. John Kearney, Canadian Zinc  
Grand Chief Sam Gargan, Dehcho First Nations  
Chief Fred Tesou, Nahanni Butte Dene Band  
Chief Jim Antoine, Lliidliikue First Nation