



September 17, 2012

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***Seasonal Closure of Operations at Hackett River Cam
(Hackett River Project)***

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KIA License KTL304C010*

And

Seasonal Closure of exploration at Wishbone Project

KIA License KTL309C002

Dear Amanda,

This letter will serve to advise you that Xstrata Zinc Canada (Xstrata) will be finishing exploration activities on or around September 18, 2012 and will be closing the Hackett River Project camp on or about September 28, 2012. Camp is expected to be re-opened, with 5 or 6 people, for a period of 5 days, beginning on October 22, 2012. This is to allow for finishing some environmental work in camp, and final closure for the year is expected to be October 26, 2012.

Annual reports and summaries will be completed over the next 2-3 month period and will be forwarded to the respective agencies as outlined in the terms and conditions of our permits.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at sburgess@xstratazinc.ca or by telephone at 807-251-3335, or 778-372-3293 (until camp closes).

Best regards,

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