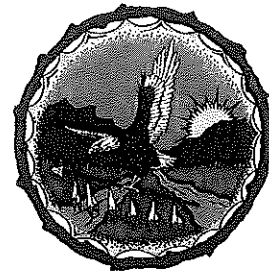




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June 7, 2018

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, M.P., P.C.  
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Dear Minister Bennett:

**Re: Response to Information Requests #4 and #5 re  
Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision re  
Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road  
MV2012LI-0005 and MV2012F007**

We are writing with respect to Information Requests #4 & 5, sent by Canada on January 18, 2018 to Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN), concerning the Report of Environmental Assessment and Reasons for Decision for the Prairie Creek Mine All-Season Road.

Naha Dehé Dene Band (NDDDB) and Łíídlj Kúé First Nation (LKFN) have been meeting with CZN to discuss the goal of a Dene-led environmental monitoring program for the road project. Based on those discussions of our Dene communities' goals and needs, we agreed to a Process Agreement with CZN to enable and facilitate effective communication, consultation and negotiation of an Environmental Monitoring Agreement between the Parties. The Process Agreement sets out the process by which the Parties will negotiate and enter into an EMA for the all season road (ASR) including commitments on the funding required to complete those negotiations.

The EMA is intended as a formal mechanism to ensure the mitigation measures and CZN's environmental protection commitments outlined in the Report of EA are appropriately implemented, and Indigenous group concerns are addressed. The environmental agreement will provide for the implementation of commitments related to environmental monitoring, follow-up programs and adaptive management, and will include a Dene guardian program for environmental monitoring.

Most importantly for NDDDB and LKFN, the Parties have agreed to propose to you as the Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs that you include in your decision on the Review Board Report a condition, or a direction to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water

Board and Parks Canada, that permits for the ASR not be issued before an EMA is negotiated and concluded between the Parties. On behalf of NDDDB and LKFN, we urge you to consider this request during your consideration of this matter.

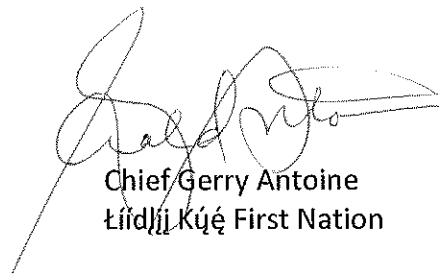
In the event you are unable to include such condition, or provide such direction to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and Parks Canada, CZN has agreed to request and recommend to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and Parks Canada that permits for the ASR contain a condition that an EMA is to be negotiated and concluded between the Parties before any management or construction plans associated with other conditions in the permits can be approved.

On this basis, we support the approval of the Report of Environmental Assessment so this project can proceed to the MVLWB for consideration of the appropriate permits and licences.

Sincerely,



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