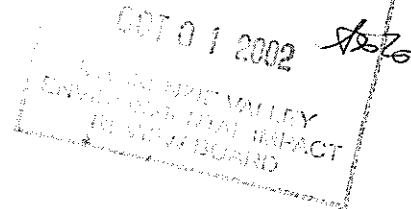




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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

**Re: Draft Work Plan for Further Consideration  
 Underground Decline and Metallurgical Pilot Plant Developments - Prairie Creek Mine  
 (MVEIRB File EA01-002)**

We have reviewed the above-noted Work Plan and feel that it provides adequate time for the Review Board, Responsible Ministers and the Public to consider matters relating to the proposed water treatment option as an alternative to use of the tailings pond in conjunction with these developments.

Given the concerns raised about the use of the tailings pond during the EA, we believe that treating and discharging to the receiving environment while meeting appropriate discharge standards set under the Water Licence is now the preferred alternative.

As Canadian Zinc has now missed each of the 2001 and 2002 summer work seasons while this Environmental Assessment has proceeded through the process as set out under the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act, it is critical that the EA be concluded in a timely manner such that the MVLWB can complete the licencing process and the Company be in a position to commence work by April, 2003 at the latest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours very truly,

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