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Dear Mr. McNeil:

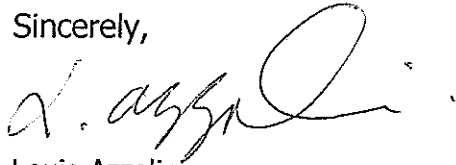
Re: Canadian Zinc Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your letter dated October 30, 2002 regarding the Review Board's further consideration of the Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) environmental assessment (EA). As you are aware, the Honourable Robert Nault, Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs asked the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board or Board) to undertake further consideration of the proposed CZN development as per Subsection 130(1)(b)(i) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). Mr. Nault identified the specific concerns which required further consideration; namely, the provision of further information and environmental assessment of alternative water treatment options. The Review Board will undertake further consideration of water treatment alternatives and assess those alternatives accordingly as outlined in its work plan.

The Review Board will also consider how it may wish to address the additional points raised by Responsible Ministers in the correspondence enclosed in Mr. Nault's letter, but not necessarily within the context of Mr. Nault's Subsection 130(1)(b)(i) direction. No decision about the manner to address any of the additional points has yet been taken.

Thank you for your continued interest in the EA. Please feel free to call me to discuss this letter at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Louie Azzolini
Environmental Assessment Officer

