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Dear Mr. Hubert

**RE: Environmental Assessment EA0809-002, Prairie Creek Mine**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> IR Round**

We refer to letters from Environment Canada, Parks Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> round of information requests (IR's). During the Technical Session held in Dettah over the period October 6-8, a number of requests were directed to Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) for additional information. We believe these will be summarized in the transcript of the session which you indicated would be available quite soon. In the interim, CZN has already begun work to respond to the requests.

While the session transcript may accurately reflect the information requests made, there is merit in obtaining the requests directly from the parties so as to avoid any misunderstanding. However, our concerns relate to the overall EA schedule and a desire to avoid any undue delay, and to the potential for issues to be raised that were not the subject of the first IR round or were not discussed in the Technical Session. Therefore, CZN is not opposed to a second IR round provided the deadline for submission is prompt, and direction is given that the focus should be on those issues raised in the Technical Session. By writing to you now in advance of the Review Board's meeting next week, and indicating our qualified acceptance of a 2<sup>nd</sup> IR round, an opportunity is provided for the parties to immediately commence preparation of their IR's, subject to the Review Board's decision, direction and review of the IR's.

The letter from INAC implies that CZN will first provide the additional information indicated in the Technical Session, and that a 2<sup>nd</sup> IR round should follow after review of the information. CZN will be providing additional information, but this will take several weeks. Therefore, INAC's proposal would mean a significant and unnecessary delay in the EA schedule. The additional information from CZN will consist of a comprehensive response to the issues raised in the Technical Session. We recommend that those issues be framed in the form of a 2<sup>nd</sup> IR round. CZN's detailed response will be formatted accordingly. Additional questions may arise following review of CZN's response. CZN will endeavour to address these directly with the parties ahead of their technical reports, with details provided to the Review Board as appropriate.

Yours truly,  
CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION



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