May 28, 2010

Our file: EA0809-002

To the Distribution List:

Re: EA0809-002: Prairie Creek Mine, Developer's Assessment Report conformity determination and Information Request submissions

Canadian Zinc Corporation submitted an Addendum to the Developer's Assessment Report (DAR) on May 20, 2010 in order to meet the conformity requirements of the Terms of Reference. Based on information contained in the Addendum, the Review Board has determined that the DAR is in conformity with the Terms of Reference and the environmental assessment of the Prairie Creek Mine can now proceed.

An updated Work Plan for EA0809-002, Prairie Creek Mine, dated May 28, 2010 has been posted on the public registry. Parties are encouraged to review the updated Work Plan in order to plan for important milestone dates throughout the analytical phase of the project.

As described in the updated Work Plan, the next milestone in the analytical phase is the opportunity for parties to this environmental assessment to submit information requests to the developer. Party status is required in order to submit information requests. Guidance and examples on the submission of information requests can be found in Appendix F of the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines 2004*, available on our website. A template for information requests is attached and is also on the website under Reference Library, Practitioner's Toolbox, Forms and templates.

The purpose an information request is for parties to seek clarification on specific aspects of the project from the developer in order to understand the Prairie Creek Mine project better. In an effort to improve process efficiencies and reduce the number of formal information requests, parties and the developer are encouraged to obtain information informally through meetings with each other. A summary of discussions between parties and the developer at these meetings should be kept and will become part of the public registry. A template on how to complete a meeting report can be found on the Review Board website by navigating to the forms and templates section described above.

When submitting an information request, please be reminded that it needs to be relevant and related to the scope of the environmental assessment and must add value to the assessment of impacts from the project on environmental, socio-economic and cultural values. As described in the *Environmental Impact Assessment Guidelines 2004 Overview* document, the Review Board will not issue information requests with the following characteristics:

- Questions unrelated to issues scoped in the assessment
- Questions that are inappropriate
- Questions that are irrelevant to the assessment
- Questions that are repetitive or redundant

Information requests from multiple parties on the same topic with similar content may be combined into one question. After considering all information requests, the Review Board will issue approved information requests. The deadline for parties to submit information requests to the Review Board is June 25, 2010.

Thank you for your participation in this environmental assessment. Please submit your information requests to chubert@reviewboard.ca and pmercredi@reviewboard.ca or fax to 867 766-7074.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hubert
Environmental Assessment Officer
Mackenzie Valley Review Board

Standard Format for MVEIRB Information Requests

Note: The purpose of information requests is to provide the MVEIRB with the information it needs to decide whether the proposed development is likely to have a significant adverse environmental effect. An information request is a tool for the Board and parties to obtain additional information, clarification on issues, and to answer questions that arise during the proceedings of an Environmental Assessment.

Information requests can originate from and be directed at any of the parties to the assessment. A party can request information that is necessary for its technical analysis of the development's potential impacts. All information requests are subject to the Board's approval. The Board will generally not accept any Information Requests outside the scope of the Assessment.

IR Number:	*Number is assigned by MVEIRB*
Source:	*Organization proposing the request (your organization)*
To:	*Who the request is directed at (i.e. organization(s) expected to answer or provide information), e.g. the developer or a government department.*
Subject:	*What is the general subject of the request? (e.g. fish, water, cultural impacts, etc...)*

Preamble

Provide background information and a rationale for your request. The preamble should identify any shortcomings of available information and how the requested information will be relevant. For example: "The developer's correspondence to date describes various mitigation measures to minimize impacts on wildlife, but does not specify which measure is aimed at which species. To determine the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures the species they are aimed at should be known".

Request

The question the organization the request is directed to answer. For example: "Please identify which mitigation measures are aimed at minimizing impacts on moose". A question may consist of several parts. Please make your questions as specific as possible.

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