

November 23, 2010

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Dear Mr. Hubert

RE: Environmental Assessment EA0809-002, Prairie Creek Mine Schedule for Responses to the 2<sup>nd</sup> IR Round

I refer to your letter of October 20, 2010 in which you indicate a schedule for delivery of 2<sup>nd</sup> round information requests (IR's) from parties to the environmental assessment, and for responses to those IR's. The date indicated for responses by Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) was November 29, 2010. I note that this date was selected before receipt of the IR's. This letter is to advise the Review Board that CZN will not be ready to respond by the indicated date.

Based on the number and content of the IR's, CZN has decided that an additional testing and assessment program is warranted. This work has been initiated. Our expectation is that the results of the work will allow a comprehensive reply to the requests made. Some parties indicated that CZN should take the time necessary to prepare such a reply.

Based on the current schedule of the program, we hope to complete our response by the end of January 2011. We will keep you informed of our progress.

Yours truly, CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION

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