



**Government of the Northwest Territories  
Day 1 Technical Hearing Presentation  
for the Canadian Zinc  
Prairie Creek All Season Road EA1415-01**

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# GNWT hearing presentation

- **Day 1 technical hearing – Land tenure and administration, permafrost, transportation**
  - Recommendation number ordering is from GNWT technical report



# Land management and administration

- GNWT wishes to make clear for the Review Board the legislative and policy context regarding land tenure and the proposed development.
- This context is unlikely to change significantly over the life of project, subject to the outcome of the Dehcho Process.



# Road tenure requirements

- For *Territorial Land* road segments, Canadian Zinc would need to apply for a licence (also called a “licence of occupation”).
- A non-exclusive authorization that permits the occupancy of land for a specific purpose.
- Signs provide road users notice that any use of the road is at their own risk.



# Road tenure requirements

## GNWT Recommendation #1

- **GNWT recommends that Canadian Zinc:**
  - review its commitments regarding road access and use from the current proceeding and from EA0809-002 to ensure that they are consistent with the legislative and regulatory framework, and
  - include any necessary revisions in its response to other parties' technical reports.
- Canadian Zinc technical report



# Crossing tenure requirements

- **Below ordinary high water mark**
  - GNWT water lot leases required on both sides of Liard River to support development of barge landing sites.
- **North shore, above ordinary high water mark**
  - GNWT surface lease from adjacent shoreline to the extent required for barge landing infrastructure and staging requirements.
  - GNWT is working closely with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) (IAB lands)



# Access considerations

Canadian Zinc will have the right to restrict access to its leased parcels on the north shore of the Liard River. GNWT notes that the public would still be able to travel around the leased parcels to public lands on the far side of the parcels.

- Access to region currently exists for hunters, traditional users and the general public.
- Travelling around parcel(s) to gain access to road likely more difficult than travelling across the leased areas.



# Liard River crossing tenure requirements GNWT Recommendation #2

- GNWT recommends that the Canadian Zinc continue to work with GNWT and INAC to clarify lease requirements related to proposed facilities and activities in the Liard River crossing area.
- April 6, 2017 Canadian Zinc letter regarding land tenure (public registry)





# Permafrost

## GNWT Recommendation #10

### GNWT conclusion:

- Supports the establishment of a permafrost monitoring program during the regulatory process.

### GNWT recommendation:

- Establishment of a permafrost monitoring plan during the regulatory process.



# Considerations relating to transportation infrastructure

- GNWT has responsibilities relating to operations, maintenance and reconstruction of public highway system in NWT
- Strengthening connections by improving existing highway system is key priority in 25-year Transportation Strategy
- Does not include industrial access roads



# Transportation Collaboration Agreement

- GNWT and Canadian Zinc have agreed (August 2012) to work together to ensure safe and efficient transportation along Highway 7 and Nahanni Butte Access Road
- GNWT invested \$30 M over the last 20 years, in Hwy 7 - has plans to invest additional \$21 M
- \$4 M invested in Nahanni Butte Access Road - additional \$1.5M expected for future improvements



# Transportation infrastructure

## GNWT Recommendation #11

- GNWT concludes the development is unlikely to have significant adverse impacts on the public highway system
- Expects existing public highway system can accommodate traffic proposed by Canadian Zinc
- Will continue to use speed and weight restrictions to mitigate impacts of heavy traffic
- GNWT recommends that Canadian Zinc update appropriate GNWT contacts with hauling schedules and weights





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