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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Chuck Hubert
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Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Hubert:

Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Environmental Assessment (EA1415-01) – GNWT Comments RE: Land Tenure Obligations

As a component of the current stage in the ongoing environmental assessment, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has been reviewing the developer's submissions with regard to the future land requirements that will be invoked by the project as described, other than those strictly pertaining to the right-of-way and the construction thereof.

The Government of the Northwest Territories wishes to advise all parties in this process that, based upon the operational descriptions presented by Canadian Zinc to date and the GNWT's land management processes, the developer will be required to seek tenure in the form of a lease or leases with the GNWT for, at minimum:

- Any water lots on the south shore of the Liard River proposed for the creation of barge landings;
- Any water lots and/or land lots on the north shore of the Liard River proposed for the creation of barge landings and the operation of a barge; and
- Any land lots adjacent to the described All-Season Road proposed for laydowns, road maintenance facilities, fuel storages, and other such facilities.

As with any environmental assessment process, the GNWT may only decide on any lease applications after the Review Board has completed its deliberations and the responsible ministers have made any required decisions. The GNWT will work with the developer on specific application requirements at the appropriate time.

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The Government of the Northwest Territories remains committed to the environmental assessment process and to ensuring that parties and the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) have the information they need on the record for the environmental assessment purposes. The GNWT also seeks to remind all parties of land tenure obligations that may be invoked as a result of this project.

If you have questions regarding the comments, please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at Melissa.Pink@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24069, or Paul Mercredi, Project Assessment Analyst, at Paul.Mercredi@gov.nt.ca or 867-767-9183 ext. 24068.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L Seale".

Lorraine Seale
Director
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- c. David Harpley
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