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Dear Chiefs:

RE: EA1415-01 CanZinc All-Season Access Road Impacts to Fish and Fish Habitat, Sundog Creek (Undertaking #7)

During the June 2016 Technical Sessions, Parks Canada Agency (“PCA”), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (“DFO”) and the Canadian Zinc Corporation (“CanZinc” or the “Developer”) committed to communicating on outstanding analysis and information requirements regarding fish and fish habitat loss/gain (including impacts of blasting) and associated monitoring (as outlined in Undertaking 7) to Liidlii Kue First Nation (“LKFN”) and Dehcho First Nation (“DFN”). Further to this commitment the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency’s Northern Projects Management Office (“NPMO”) encourages the LKFN and DFN to review the Developer’s *All-Season Road Supplementary Habitat Information*, (Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (“MVEIRB” or “Review Board”) PR# 299) which includes environmental baseline data on habitat within Sundog Creek and an unnamed creek both within the Nahanni National Park Reserve.

This report has assisted the Government of Canada in understanding fish and fish habitat along the All-Season Road alignment. Additional information requests have been submitted by PCA and DFO to seek further clarification from the Developer regarding potential impacts. The response to these information requests from the Developer, in conjunction with the report, will inform PCA and DFO views on the Project’s impacts to fish and fish habitat and any further mitigation potentially required.

If you have any questions relating to fish and fish habitat, you are encouraged to contact DFO representative Vince Harper, Senior Fisheries Protection Biologist at Vince.Harper@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and PCA representative Allison Stoddart, Environmental Assessment Specialist at Allison.Stoddart@pc.gc.ca. Should you have any other questions, you are always invited to contact the NPMO, which is the federal Crown consultation coordinator; I am the lead for this Project and can be contacted at Adrian.Paradis@cannor.gc.ca or 867-669-2595.

The Review Board's environmental assessment process is the primary means with which the Government of Canada will discharge any potential consultation obligations, including impacts to fish and fish habitat. Should you have any concerns regarding potential impacts to your asserted or established section 35 rights, we encourage you to raise this during the above noted EA.

Finally, if you have not already done so, registering for party status to this EA provides the best opportunity for expressing concerns related to the Project. For your convenience, the Review Board's party status application form is attached. This form can be provided to Catherine Fairbairn, Environmental Assessment Officer, MVEIRB who is copied on this letter. If you have any questions specific to Undertaking 7, the EA in general or party status please do not hesitate to contact me.


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Paradis', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adrian Paradis
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Attachment: MVEIRB Party Status Form

Cc: Catherine Fairbairn, Environmental Assessment Officer, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board

	Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board	
	FORM 1	Request for Party Status

Name of Organization	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Name of Proceeding	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

Reasons for requesting Party Status in these proceedings.

Participation:
 Please describe how you or your organization intends to participate in this proceeding, such as what information, witnesses, or presentations you plan to submit.

If you represent a Responsible Minister or Responsible Authority please state which one.
 List the licences, permits or authorizations issued by your organization relevant to this proceeding.

Contact Information:
 Please confirm the organization's contact information and the name of the primary contact person for Board correspondence purposes.

Dated at _____, Northwest Territories, on (MM/DD/YY) _____

 (Signature of Party's Representative)