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Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips:

RE: EA1415-01 Canadian Zinc Corporation’s Prairie Creek All-Season Road Updated Government of Canada Departments Participation and Status Summary

On October 3, 2014, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency’s Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO) submitted a letter to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) that provided a summary of federal departments’ participation and status in the above mentioned environmental assessment (EA). On December 13, 2016, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) updated their role in the EA process from their October 3, 2014 status as the consolidated decision maker under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) making the MVRMA’s section 130 decision on behalf of the federal responsible ministers to being the consolidated decision maker as well as being a responsible minister under the MVRMA.

As such, NPMO is pleased to provide an updated summary of federal departments’ participation and status for this EA.

INAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As consolidated federal decision maker under the MVRMA, INAC will be making the section 130 decision on behalf of federal responsible ministers (RM); Is a RM under the MVRMA; INAC is responsible for issuing Land and Water Permits on federal lands within its jurisdiction under the MVRMA, should the development proceed to the regulatory phase; Registered for Party Status on December 13, 2016
Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is registered as a party to the EA, will provide specialist advice and will be involved in EA process
NPMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will coordinate the input of federal departments to the EA process and on related documents, but is not registered as a party to the EA;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is responsible for tracking Aboriginal consultation issues related to federal mandated responsibilities and will be closely monitoring EA on related documents, but is not registered as a party to the EA
Transport Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will provide specialist advice to RMs under the MVRMA as needed
Natural Resources Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be a RM with regulatory authority under the MVRMA; May issue a license for the storage of explosives under the <i>Explosives Act</i>; Is registered as a party to the EA, will be involved in the EA process and will provide scientific expertise relating to permafrost
Parks Canada Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a RM under the MVRMA; Will be issuing a Water License under the <i>Canada National Parks Act</i> Sec. 41.1 (4) (within Nahanni National Park Reserve (NNPR)), should the development proceed to the regulatory phase; Will be issuing a Lands authorization (Lease, License of Occupation, Easement or a Land Use Permit) under the <i>Canada National Parks Act</i> Sec.41.1 (2) (3) (within the NNPR), should the development proceed to the regulatory phase; Is registered as a Party to the EA and will be involved in the EA process providing expertise relating to potential impact to NNPR
Environment and Climate Change Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is registered as a party to the EA, will provide specialist advice and will be involved in the EA process

Please contact Sarah Robertson (Sarah.Robertson@cannor.gc.ca) if you have any questions regarding the above summary.

Sincerely,



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