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**Re: Independent Risk Assessment Report and Technical Report Preparation Meeting
Prairie Creek All Season Road Project, Canadian Zinc Corporation**

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

We refer to our email of January 10, 2017 and letter of January 20, 2017 concerning the 3rd party risk assessment completed by Oboni Riskope.

The Nahanni Butte Dene Band appreciates the time you took to visit the community on February 3, 2017 to explain the environmental assessment process, the Board's mandate and the reasons for appointing Oboni to this task. While we accept your explanations, this letter is to convey our dissatisfactions with why and how the 3rd party assessment occurred.

Our concerns stem from our belief that another risk assessment study was not necessary, the fact that a 3rd party consultant was hired who does not have experience on our traditional lands, and the manner of appointing the consultant without our knowledge. We have concerns with the Review Board's engagement process on this and other aspects of the EA, considering the proposed project are on our traditional lands. We do not consider simply posting documents to the Public Registry as adequate engagement.

Lastly, it is our opinion that the risk assessment study is incomplete because the assessed risks have not been "ground-truthed" by Oboni accompanied by NBDB members. Omission of this step must be considered a serious flaw in the study.

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Chief Peter Marcellais