

April 13, 2017

## Notice of Proceeding

Prairie Creek All Season Road Project, CanZinc

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### Re: **Qualifications of expert witnesses**

On April 10, 2017, at the pre-hearing conference, the topic of expert witnesses was raised. Board staff and parties discussed the need for parties (including the developer) to submit the relevant qualifications and experience (e.g. curriculum vitae (CV)) of experts whose evidence they rely on. The Review Board's Rules of Procedure do not provide specific guidance on this matter. This Notice of Proceeding is meant to assist parties to identify the members of their teams for whom CVs should be submitted to the Board in advance of the public hearings.

For EA1415-01, if a party relies on an **expert report** or **expert opinion** as evidence to support the conclusions or recommendations made in its technical report for the EA proceeding, a CV for the expert(s) must be submitted. The CV must describe the expert's qualifications and experience in the relevant subject area. The expert(s) must also be available to answer questions (either in person or by phone) at the appropriate hearing session. This is particularly important where the evidence differs from evidence provided by other parties.

CVs are not required for government staff or other individuals who are coordinating, managing, or otherwise contributing non-expert information, and are not providing expert opinion in any particular subject area. However, where a party's submissions to the Review Board are based on specialized expertise, CVs for the relevant expert(s) must be submitted.

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