



October 13, 2017

Ms. JoAnne Deneron
Chairperson
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Deneron:

RE: EA1415-01 Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Report of Environmental Assessment Measure 5-1

We are writing to request clarification from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) with respect to an aspect of Measure 5-1 in the Report of Environmental Assessment for the Canadian Zinc Corporation's (CanZinc) Prairie Creek All Season Road Project (EA1415-01).

Part 1 of Measure 5-1 states that [underlining added]:

In order to prevent significant adverse impacts on people and the environment, CanZinc will establish and fund an independent technical review panel to evaluate and approve the final road design. The developer will follow the final recommendations of the review panel with respect to road design. CanZinc will develop a terms of reference for the panel based on the requirement of this measure.

We understand that the requirement to follow the final recommendations of the independent technical review panel with respect to road design would apply only to the developer as explicitly specified in Measure 5-1, and is not intended to, by implication, bind subsequent regulators or regulatory processes. In other words, Measure 5-1 would neither restrict subsequent regulators from establishing nor limit the developer from following any other requirements that are otherwise within the jurisdiction of those regulators.

In order to eliminate any uncertainty with respect to this aspect of Measure 5-1, we hereby request clarification from the MVEIRB of its intended meaning and effect.

Sincerely,

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Director General
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Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

Cc: Herb Norwegian, Grand Chief, Dehcho First Nations
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