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Mr. David Livingstone
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Dear Mr. Livingstone:

## Implementation of Measure 3 from Report of Environmental Assessment for Canadian Zinc Corporation's Phase III Drill Program

Now that the Responsible Ministers have adopted the recommendations made in the Report of Environmental Assessment (the Report) for Canadian Zinc Corporation's (CZN) phase III drilling program, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) is starting the permitting phase for this project. As required by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the Board is incorporating the measures listed in the Report in the land use permit. This work has raised a number of questions regarding Measure 3 in the Report as to the manner in which it will be addressed. Specifically, there has been a suggestion that the monitoring program described in Measure 3 will be incorporated as part of the land use permit. The measure reads as follows:

Measure (3): DIAND shall ensure that a comprehensive program to monitor selected key indicators for evaluating and managing cumulative impacts on fish, wildlife, vegetation, and water quality is implemented, no later than nine (9) months after acceptance of this report by the federal Minister. Design and implementation of this program shall take place in cooperation with the developer, relevant federal government departments, the GNWT, and the Dehcho First Nations. The monitoring program is to cover Canadian Zinc's lease and claims area as well as a portion of Prairie Creek downstream.

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As Measure 3 is directed at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), the Board is seeking clarification as to the process that INAC will undertake to ensure Measure 3 is fulfilled and on the roles that the various parties, including INAC, CZN, first nations and stakeholders, will play in the development, implementation and enforcement of the monitoring program. Clarification of this process will assist the Board in determining what, if any, consideration should be given to Measure 3 in the setting of land use permit conditions.

In order for the Board to complete the permitting of the project in a timely manner, the Board requests a response by April 14, 2006. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

**Bob Wooley** 

**Executive Director** 

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