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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Commencement of Regulatory Process

On December 8, 2011 the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (the Review Board) issued their Report of Environmental Assessment (the Report) EA0809-002 Canadian Zinc Corporation Prairie Creek Mine. The Review Board concluded, pursuant to paragraph 128(1)(*a*) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA), that the proposed development as described in the Report is not likely to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment or to be a cause of significant public concern.

Pursuant to paragraph 129 (*a*) of the MVRMA, where the Review Board makes a determination under paragraph 128(1)(a), (a) a regulatory authority, a designated regulatory agency or the Tlicho Government shall not issue a licence, permit or other authorization for the developmentbefore the expiration of ten days after receiving the report of the Review Board. As of December 18, 2011 the above noted files have been reintroduced to the regulatory process. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is requesting Canadian Zinc Corporation submit a Consolidated Project Description by **February 10, 2012** at which time staff will review the document for completeness. Once the document is to the satisfaction of the staff, it will be sent for review to and the distribution list for comment. Board staff will prepare a work plan which will also be distributed for review and comment.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (867) 766-7464 or at tyree@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

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