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Louie Azzolini
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
sent via e-mail

RE: DFO Comments on the Work Plan and Terms of Reference relating to the Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation Developments

Dear Louie,

On behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Fish Habitat Management, Western Arctic Area (DFO) I have reviewed the following documents:

- 1. Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation Mineral Exploration, Cat Camp/Fuel Cache Recovery and Clean-up Development (Work Plan)*
- 2. Terms of Reference for the Canadian Zinc Corporation Diamond Drill Program and Development (Drill Program)*
- 3. Terms of Reference for the Canadian Zinc Corporation Cat Camp/Fuel Cache Recovery and Clean-up Development (Cat Camp)*

My comments are as follows:

Work Plan:

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In section 2 six (6) new drill holes are referred to yet section 3.1 seven (7) drill holes are referred to. Which is it, 6 or 7 drill holes?

Drill Program

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The title page reads "*Diamond Drill Program*" where as the title page of the Work Plan reads to "*Mineral Exploration*", there should be constancy between the two documents.

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In section 2.1 it reads "An exploration program to drill six (6) or seven (7) exploration holes...". The proponent should indicate how many holes they wish to drill. It stands to reason that the impacts of a drilling program will increase proportionately with every additional hole drilled.

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There are only six proposed drill locations identified on this map. See my last comment.

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In section 4.1 *Additional Direction to the Developer*, an additional information requirement should be for the developer to identify any intentions for future developments, linkages to existing projects or any associated projects that may be proposed pending approval of this application.

Cat Camp

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In section 4.1 *Additional Direction to the Developer*, an additional information requirement should be for the developer to identify any intentions for future developments, linkages to existing projects or any associated projects that may be proposed pending approval of this application (e.g. Granger Camp fuel cache recovery and clean-up, all weather road development to support full mine development etc.).

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I agree that the possibility of a winter road should be examined in more detail.

In summary, I think that the above mentioned documents provide the proponent and reviewers a good foundation as to what they are expected to provide to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Review Board (MVEIRB) and what MVEIRB is expected to provide the proponent and reviewers. DFO looks forward to assisting the MVEIRB in its review of these development proposals.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding this letter at (867) 669-4913 or by fax at (867) 669-4940.

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