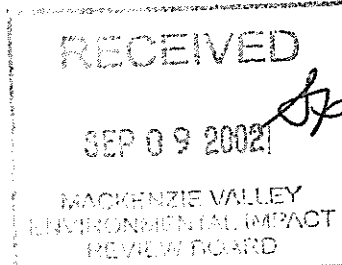


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*John, can we connect with them on
Friday to discuss the next steps?*

Thank you

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Attention: Louie Azzolini

Dear Louie:

Re: Determination of the Honourable Robert D. Nault, PC, MP

Further to Peter Campbell's telephone call to you of today, attached is a copy of the Minister's letter directed to Malcolm J. Swallow and dated September 3, 2002, indicating that the Minister proposes to return the report to the Board for further consideration.

The second reason for writing to you is to indicate that the writer has been retained as counsel in this matter. Would you kindly make sure that I am copied with all matters, as well as keeping Mr. Peter Campbell informed.

On behalf of Canadian Zinc Corporation, it is the Company's desire to move this matter forward as quickly as possible, so we would like to hear from you as soon as possible in respect of how you now propose to proceed.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Peter Campbell
Canadian Zinc Corporation

Minister of Indian Affairs
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Mr. Malcolm J.A. Swallow
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Dear Mr. Swallow:

This is in reply to your letter of April 22, 2002, expressing your concerns regarding the delay in reaching a decision on the recommendations contained in the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's report on Environmental Impact Assessment EA01-002, Underground Decline/Exploratory Drilling and Metallurgical Pilot Plant Developments.

The Ministerial decision process with respect to Board reports is a collaborative one which involves Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and those of other federal and territorial Ministers. In this case, the review of the Board's report took longer than expected.

After careful and thorough review, we have determined that, pursuant to subsection 130 (1)(b)(i) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, the report shall be returned to the Board for further consideration, principally as there remains significant unresolved issues related to the use and integrity of the tailings facility and water treatment plans.

Thank you for writing to me. I would encourage you to maintain communications with Mr. David Livingstone, Director, Renewable Resources and Environment on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, PC, MP

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