



Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development

April 24, 2001

Mr. Louie Azzolini
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Impact Review Board
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Dear Mr. Azzolini:

**Environmental Assessment of Canadian Zinc Corporation's Summer 2001
Drilling, Decline Development, and Pilot Plant Operation Projects**

Thank you for your letter of April 14, 2001, requesting notification of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) intent to participate in the environmental assessment process of the above noted project.

For this environmental assessment, the GNWT will participate as an "Expert Advisor". While the GNWT does not have any regulatory responsibilities with respect to the proposed project, we would like to provide our relevant expertise in support of the environmental assessment process. We note that one of the central concerns about the project relates to its impact on wildlife in the area of Nahanni National Park Reserve. As wildlife management is under the mandate of the GNWT, the Minister or Resources, Wildlife, and Economic Development wishes to be recognized as a responsible minister as defined in s.111 of the MVRMA for this environmental assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this environmental assessment.

Sincerely,

Garry Singer
Acting Director
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