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Mr. Todd Burlingame  
Chair  
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board  
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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

On behalf of the responsible Ministers with jurisdiction related to the proposed development, I am writing to convey the decision on the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Board) Reasons for Decision Document dated April 4, 2003. This decision was taken after a number of developments:

- considering the Board's February 6, 2002, Report of Environmental Assessment (EA Report) on the proposed development;
- the letter of September 3, 2002, referring the Board's recommendation back to the Board for further consideration;
- considering the above noted Reasons for Decision Document regarding the proposed development; and,
- obtaining concurrence from the responsible Ministers with jurisdiction.

Pursuant to section 130(1)(b)(i) of the Act, the responsible Ministers and I have agreed to adopt the recommendation of the Board under sub-section 128(1)(b)(ii) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. The responsible Ministers and I have therefore decided that the approval of the proposed development be made subject to the imposition of the following:

- measures three to fifteen contained in the Board's EA Report of February 6, 2002;
- all commitments made by the Canadian Zinc Corporations in submissions to the Board; and,
- measures one to three contained in the Board's Reasons for Decision Document of April 4, 2003.

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By copy of this letter, I would encourage the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board to seek and consider the advice of technical expertise resident in government departments along with its other sources of expertise, in preparing the terms and conditions for authorization which will regulate this development.

I wish to thank the Board for discharging its duties under the Act in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Nault". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being the most prominent.

Robert D. Nault, PC, MP

c.c.: Ms. Melody McLeod