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re: **Comments on Revised Draft Work Plan & Revised Draft Terms of Reference
for the Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation, Phase II
Drilling Development.**

date: May 28, 2001

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Joe/ Louie:

Our comments on the above-mentioned project are attached. Please let us know if you have any question.

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Attention: Mr. Louie Azzolini:

RE: Comments on Revised Draft Work Plan & Revised Draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation, Phase II Drilling Development.

This refers to the request, dated May 25, 2001, from the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) for comments on the Revised Draft Work Plan & Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) Phase II Drilling Development.

First, I want to point out that most of the reviewers providing comments to us have indicated that the time frame is too short and I want this reflected here. Comments are provided to ensure that the best information is provided to the proponent for the preparation of an environmental assessment report. Provision of sufficient time for comments on the document provides not only for better quality in the environmental assessment but can also lead to fewer delays, when supplementary information requests are required.

Further, consideration should be given for additional time at the tail end of the process. The one week allowed between the final submission of technical reports, closure of the Public Registry and EA decision (June 29 - July 6 - July 13) provides little opportunity for the proponent to provide additional mitigative measures which could benefit the assessment.

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Further detailed, consolidated comments are given in the attachment.

I trust that this information is helpful to the MVEIRB in finalizing the Work Plan and the Terms of Reference for the Phase II Drilling Development. Should you have any question on the attached comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT**May 28, 2001**

**Comments on:
Revised Draft Work Plan & Draft Terms of Reference
For the Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN)
Phase II Drilling Development.**

Prepared for: The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB).

Prepared by: The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND).

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) is pleased to provide its technical knowledge and assistance to the Review Board on the above-mentioned proposal. The purpose of the comments is to assist the MVEIRB in finalizing the Work Plan and the Terms of Reference for the project. For ease of reference, our comments follow the same sub-headings as given in the revised draft submitted on May 25, 2001.

1. Start-up of the EA (deliverable)

A list of the responsible ministers who have self-identified themselves should be added in the deliverable.

2. Advance Consultation (Deliverable)

The first sentence lacks clarity as a verb is missing and should be added. Further the actual deliverables for this section have not been identified.

3. EA Terms of Reference and Scope of the Development Determination (Deliverable)

The word "draft" should be removed, as this will be the final Terms of Reference the developer is required to use to complete its EA report.

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4. Scope of the Development - Logistical Support

Second Bullet

This bullet implies that the proposals are still combined. The sentence should be revised and clarified as follows, " Use of existing trucking and mining equipment to support the Phase II Drilling Development."

Fourth Bullet

The "permanent storage of mined and milled rock at mine site" does not apply to the Phase II Drilling Development. The sentence should be revised as follows, "Permanent storage of cored rock at mine site".

We trust that these comments are helpful to finalize the Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Phase II Drilling Development.