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**Re: Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Surface Drilling Phase III
Program – Request for Public Hearing submissions**

Dear Mr. Haefele:

As part of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)'s obligations as a Responsible Minister for the above-noted development, INAC staff have reviewed available materials for this environmental assessment and have not identified any unresolved concerns with the proposed development from the Department's perspective. We are of the view that impacts from the development can be mitigated via standard mitigation techniques.

The following individuals representing INAC will be attending next week's public hearing in Fort Simpson

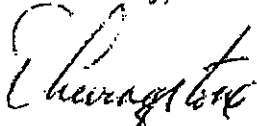
- David Livingstone, Director, Renewable Resources and Environment
- Ed Hornby, Manager, South Mackenzie District
- Lorraine Seale, Environment and Conservation

In addition, Yvonne MacNeill, legal counsel with Justice Canada, will attend and John Thachet (who has recently joined Justice Canada in Yellowknife) is also planning to attend as an observer.

Because INAC has not identified any technical issues with the development, we will not be making a formal hearing presentation. Departmental representatives will be available to answer questions from the Review Board, other parties and the public. We are reviewing the questions raised at the pre-hearing conference and the additional material from the developer received today. We will be providing written clarification, where possible, to the Review Board before the public hearing for distribution to the EA parties.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine Seale by phone at 669-2590 or by email at sealel@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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