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Re: Canadian Zinc EA – Technical Report

Having reviewed the information filed by Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) since the 2nd technical session, Dehcho First Nations finds that its primary concerns relating to impacts upon water quality and fisheries have not been alleviated. DFN finds the information provided by CZN to be lacking in quality, certainty and analysis regarding the discharge of effluent into Prairie Creek and the impacts upon water quality and fisheries in the Creek. This is not acceptable given that this project is surrounded by Nahanni National Park.

DFN has discussed this project with various federal departments and is pleased with the focus, direction and level of effort being put into their technical reviews. As a result of those discussions, DFN is comfortable that it is not necessary for us to submit a detailed technical report highlighting our concerns regarding water quality and fisheries. Although we have not yet reviewed the specific recommendations that have been provided by the federal departments, we will review them and will, either in writing or at the public hearing, advise the Board where we agree or disagree with the recommendations put forward by the federal departments.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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