

Our file: EA0809-002

July 18, 2011

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Via email: robert.kent@pc.gc.ca

Re: EA0809-002 Prairie Creek Mine, Canadian Zinc Corporation: Post Hearing Process

Dear Mr. Kent:

Thank you for your letter dated July 4<sup>th</sup> that recommends a process and timelines to resolve outstanding issues in the environmental assessment of the Prairie Creek Mine as well as requests for further information. The Review Board met on July 14, 2011 to consider the issues and requests as described in your correspondence.

The Review Board has provided direction to parties and the developer on the issue of an approach to water quality objectives in correspondence dated July 15, 2011.

With respect to winter access road issues including spills risk analysis, water withdrawal and aggregate sources the Review Board has determined that sufficient information has been received from the developer for the purposes of this environmental assessment. The level of detail requested by Parks Canada will be required from the developer during the detailed design of the winter access road which will take place during the regulatory phase of this project.

The current scope of development for the Prairie Creek Mine as presented by Canadian Zinc Corporation does not include placement of tailings in the waste rock pile or the construction of additional water storage facilities. Should the Canadian Zinc Corporation revise the scope of development to include these activities or other major project design modifications, an assessment of the impacts of those activities would be required.



If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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