

Our File: EA1415-01
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David Harpley
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Dear Mr. Harpley,

Re: DAR Addendum Adequacy

Thank you for CanZinc's Developer's Assessment Report and Addendum report for the proposed all-season road, which the Review Board received on September 9, 2015. The Review Board is currently reviewing the DAR Addendum. However, the Review Board will not issue its adequacy statement on the DAR until it receives all of the information requested for the characterization of geohazards (Adequacy Review item 7.2) as specified in the Adequacy Review¹ of the DAR. This includes the results of a) the terrain stability mapping and b) a complete air photo assessment. This is further explained in the Review Board's response² to CanZinc's letter from June 16, 2015³.

Clarification on the airstrip

The Review Board requests that CanZinc confirm which airstrip it is referring to in the DAR and DAR Addendum materials. Table 2-1 of the DAR Addendum Appendix E (Tetra Tech) identifies the airstrip at km 55 as part of the project development and part of the all season access road assessment. CanZinc has included the use of the airstrip for construction, operation and maintenance of the road in the DAR. However, Parks Canada stated in its letter of April 8th, 2015⁴ that it "cannot authorize the lease, licence or occupation of easement to construct an airstrip within Nahanni National Park Reserve". Additional references to other airstrip(s) (e.g. one east of Wolverine Pass near km100 of the road, mentioned in section 4.4) can be found in many other locations in the DAR Addendum and appendices.

¹ http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_EA1415-01_CanZinc_DAR_Adequacy_Review_Final.PDF

² http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_MVEIRB_response_to_CanZinc_Adequacy_letter.PDF

³ http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_CanZinc_letter_to_MVEIRB_RE_Adequacy_Review.PDF

⁴ http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_Parks_Canada_letter_regarding_the_airstrip.PDF



Based on this, the Review Board requests clarification regarding the following:

- Which airstrip(s) is CanZinc referring to in the DAR, DAR Addendum and appendices?
- Is the airstrip being used only during construction?
- Is the airstrip that CanZinc is referring to already in existence? If not, please describe its location, length, materials and intended use.

The Review Board will release its adequacy statement on the DAR and Addendum after it receives the two required items described above and clarification on the questions related to the airstrip. Please provide a timeline for submission of these documents at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions please contact Sachi De Souza at sdesouza@reviewboard.ca or 867-766-7054.

Regards,

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