

January 22, 2016 Note to File

EA1415-01 Prairie Creek All Season Road Project, Canadian Zinc Corporation

Re: Adequacy Item Review Teleconference

The Review Board staff participated in a teleconference call on Monday January 18th, 2016 with Canadian Zinc Coporation (CanZinc), Tetra Tech EBA (consultants for CanZinc), and Knight Piesold (technical advisors to the Review Board). Participants on the call were:

Mark Cliffe-Phillips Sachi De Souza	
	Chuck Hubert
David Harpley	
Alan Taylor	
Kevin Jones Bill Rozeboom Nigel Goldup Shirley McCuaig	
	Chris Brodie
	James Hayley

The purpose of the call was to discuss CanZinc's concerns regarding the additional items requested in the Review Board's Reasons for Decision on the adequacy of the Developer's Assessment Report¹ (DAR) and DAR Addendum. CanZinc provided comments on the five additional items. The items discussed were:

¹ <u>http://reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1415-01_Reasons_for_Decision_on_the_adequacy_of_the_DAR.PDF</u>

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- 1. *Sundog Creek realignment* CanZinc provided a verbal summary of the proposed strategy for the Sundog Creek realignment.
- 2. *Landslide and avalanche risks* CanZinc questioned the additional requirements for avalanche assessment, as one was completed for the winter road alignment during the previous environmental assessment (EA0809-002). The Review Board staff clarified that only those sections of the road that are being realigned need to be assessed for avalanche risk.
- 3. *Terrain mapping for km 160 184 –* CanZinc questioned the need for terrain mapping for this section of the road.
- 4. *Permafrost and karst* CanZinc provided rationale and details regarding the assessment of permafrost and karst features, and questioned the level of investigation being requested for this stage of the project, specifically geophysics.
- 5. *Accidents and malfunctions* CanZinc inquired about the Review Board process for using an external risk assessor, specifically that the assessor's scope will include consideration of the differences in risks between the permitted winter road and the proposed all season road. The Review Board staff indicated that the assessor's scope will include this consideration, and that the Review Board will make all information about the risk assessor public once it has been finalized.

The Review Board staff advised CanZinc to provide a detailed letter with its concerns and any additional supporting information or rationale to the Review Board for its consideration. CanZinc has indicated that it intends to submit such a letter to the Review Board by January 29, 2016. The Review Board will consider any concerns in the letter and respond accordingly.

The contact for the Project is Environmental Assessment Officer Sachi De Souza (867) 766-7054; <u>sdesouza@reviewboard.ca</u>).

