

EA1415-01

Prairie Creek All Season Road
Canadian Zinc Corporation

May 23, 2014

To: Distribution List**Re: Notice of referral to environmental assessment, Prairie Creek All Season Road and Airstrip, Canadian Zinc Corporation, EA1314-01**

On May 22, 2013 the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referred the proposed Prairie Creek all season road and airstrip project description and associated land use permit and water licence applications (MV2014F0013, MV2014L8-006) to environmental assessment by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board). The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referred the proposed development to environmental assessment pursuant to paragraph 126(2)(a) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The proposed development includes:

- construction, operation and use of an all-weather road approximately 170 km in length connecting the Prairie Creek Mine to the Tetcela Transfer Facility (phase 1) and connecting the Tetcela Transfer Facility to the Nahanni Butte access road which in turn joins the Liard Highway (phase 2)
- crossing Nahanni National Park Reserve from km 17-100
- enlargement of the Tetcela transfer facility for increased concentrate storage (within Nahanni National Park Reserve)
- construction and use of a second airstrip within Nahanni National Park Reserve
- barge landing and set-down areas on both sides of the Liard River
- temporary industrial camp on the east side of the Liard River during road construction and a seasonal road maintenance camp east of the Silent Hills

The Review Board will conduct an environmental assessment of the proposed development. As a first step, the Review Board will provide a document titled *Guidance for Developer's Proposed Terms of Reference* to the developer. Canadian Zinc Corporation will prepare the *Developer's Proposed Terms of Reference* for the Prairie Creek All Season Road and Airstrip based on the guidance provided.

The Review Board will hold community and technical issues scoping meetings and then prepare its own *Draft Terms of Reference* for public comment based on the *Developer's Proposed Draft Terms of Reference* and information from scoping meetings. The Review Board will then prepare the final *Terms of Reference*.



The Review Board will post an electronic copy of the project description, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Land Use Permit and Water Licence applications and the Parks Canada Access Road Application and Water Crossing Application on its public registry at <http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/>. In the interest of an efficient process, interested parties should review these documents.

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