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		cc:	Mr. David Livingstone, Director	
Re:	Canadian Zinc Corporation Underground Decline/Exploratory Drilling and Metallurgical Pilot Plant Developments Report of Environmental Assessment	ian Zinc Corporation ground e/Exploratory Drilling etallurgical Pilot Plant ppments Report of EA01-002-003 EA01-002-003		

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September 24, 2002

The Honourable Robert D. Nault, P.C. M.P. Minister Indian and Northern Affairs MINISTER'S OFFICE 10 Wellington St North Tower Hull, P.Q., Canada K1A 0H4

Dear Mr. Nault,

RE: Further Consideration of the Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) Underground Decline/Exploratory Drilling and Metallurgical Pilot Plant Developments (CZN Developments) Report of Environmental Assessment

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board or Board) is proceeding to reopen the environmental assessment (EA) in order to undertake further consideration of the CZN developments, as per Subsection 130(1)(b)(i) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act.* The main focus of the Board's considerations will be issues related to CZN's proposed water treatment options, should any future geotechnical assessment conclude the tailings pond is not appropriate. The Board will also consider how it may wish to respond to other issues raised in the letters from reviewers attached to the Minister's letter.

To facilitate and focus our collective efforts, the Review Board proposes the attached work plan. The work plan is scheduled to conclude early in January 2002. The Review Board is inviting comments on the work plan as soon as possible so that the work plan can be finalized by October 7, 2002.

Sincerely.

Todd Burlingame^t

Chair

cc. Distribution Attachment

Work Plan

Step	Activity/Milestone	Blocks of Time or Date	Deliverable
1	Initiate Subsection 130(1)(b)(i) further Board considerations -Issue the draft work plan for public input -Provide Notice of public registry re-opening.	September 24, 2002	Letter and draft work plan
2	Finalize work plan	13 calendar days from Letter to INAC	Finalized work plan
3	Board IRs issued	5 calendar days from day work plan is finalized	IR's issued
4	IR responses provided to the Board	14 calendar days from the day IRs are issued	IR responses
5	Opportunity for the public to consider IR Responses and provide submission on the public registry respecting those responses	30 calendar days	IR responses and government and public comment on the IR responses
6	Reconsider Draft Report of EA	14 calendar days after step 5	Board reconsideration
7	Issue Reconsidered Report	14 calendar days after step 6	Formal issuance of Board EA Report Reconsideration