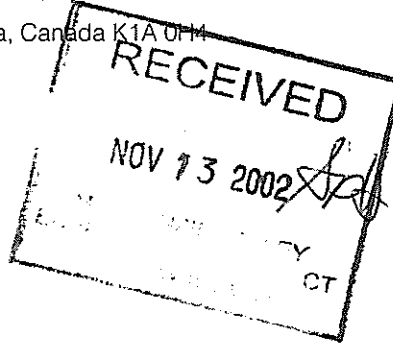


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Dear Mr. Burlingame:

Thank you for your letter of September 24, 2002, with the enclosed work plan outlining the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Board) next steps in the environmental assessment of the Canadian Zinc Corporation.

I appreciate the efforts the Board is making to address the outstanding concerns relating to this development and I look forward to receiving the Board's final report. Regional staff will be commenting on the specifics of the work plan.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, PC, MP