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**Re: Canadian Zinc Corporation, Prairie Creek Mine EA 0809-002
Parks Canada - Request for Ruling – AANDC Comments**

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has reviewed the Request for Ruling submitted by Parks Canada on August 16, 2011, and the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's letter regarding the same topic, dated August 17, 2011.

AANDC supports the notion of increased water storage at the Prairie Creek mine site and is pleased with the Developer's commitment to implement additional onsite water storage.

AANDC does not require additional information from the Developer at this time with respect to potential water storage options. However, AANDC supports Parks Canada's efforts to ensure that all necessary information and evaluation of impacts associated with potential water storage options is included as part of EA 0809-002. Other parties to the environmental assessment may identify to the Board valid concerns within their respective areas of expertise, which should be considered in the Board's assessment of this project.

Thank you for providing AANDC with the opportunity to comment on the Request for Ruling. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Robert Jenkins at 669-2574 or robert.jenkins@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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