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Mr. Chuck Hubert Mackenzie Valley Review Board PO Box 938 YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2P1 VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Hubert:

<u>Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-01) – GNWT's comments regarding the draft commitments table</u>

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (GNWT) is writing to you in regards to the Mackenzie Valley Review Board's (MVRB) June 23, 2013 draft commitments table review and request for comment.

GNWT recommends the following revisions to the wording of Commitment #8:

CanZinc commits to collaborating with GNWT to conduct a survey breeding pond survey, during the summer, of Western toad (SAR) migration across the road alignment between the Nahanni Butte access road and the Liard River to detect presence of Western toad in nearby water bodies, either before or after the early stage of construction (subgrade placement) to better understand the occurrence of Western toad in the project area and potential need for mitigation during fall migration. and magnitude of fall migration.

GNWT has no other comments at this time on the list of commitments and undertakings, but does request an estimated submission date for Canadian Zinc's submission of an updated draft Wildlife Mitigation and Management Plan for the Allseason Road. GNWT considers this to be a matter for MVRB's consideration in this proceeding.

If MVRB or any of the parties to this EA has questions or comments regarding these comments, please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, by

email at <u>Melissa Pink@gov.nt.ca</u>, and/or phone 867-767-9183 ext. 24069, or Paul Mercredi, Project Assessment Analyst, at <u>Paul Mercredi@gov.nt.ca</u> and/or phone 867-767-9183 ext. 24068.

Sincerely,

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