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May 1, 2015

Dear Chief Deneron and President McLeod:

Participation in the Canadian Zinc Corporation – Prairie Creek All Season Road and Airstrip (EA1415-01) Environmental Assessment

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (the GNWT) is writing to you in reference to the environmental assessment (EA) and anticipated regulatory processes for the proposed Canadian Zinc Corporation Prairie Creek All Season Road and Airstrip (the Project).

As the area of the proposed Project is partially on federal land, the delegation of EA decision-making authority to the GNWT's Minister of Lands under the Devolution Final Agreement does not apply. Therefore, for this particular EA, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada will retain the EA decision authority. This authority is pursuant to section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA). The Ministers of relevant GNWT departments will participate in the EA decision process as Responsible Ministers.

The GNWT is responsible for ensuring that it has met its duty to consult with respect to any aspects of the Project within its jurisdiction that might negatively affect asserted or established Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights. The GNWT will rely on the consultative processes of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) as well as proponent engagement to assist in fulfilling the GNWT's duty to consult. Throughout these processes, the GNWT will carefully monitor and track Aboriginal government and organizations' statements of any potential negative effects on asserted

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The GNWT encourages your participation in the MVEIRB and post EA processes for the proposed Project. The GNWT also encourages you to work closely with the Project developer, who is the best source of information on the proposed Project.

If you have any questions regarding the role of the GNWT in the Project EA, please contact Charlotte Henry, Project Assessment Analyst, Department of Lands, at (867) 765-6785 or charlotte_henry@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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A/Director, Land Use and Sustainability
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- c. Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Executive Director, Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Matthew Spence, Director General, Northern Projects Management Office



Grand Chief Herb Norwegian
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Dear Grand Chief Norwegian:

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May 1, 2015

Dear Chief Fabian:

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