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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Mr. Hubert:

**Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Project  
Environmental Assessment – GNWT Information Requests (EA1415-01)**

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reviewed Canadian Zinc Corporation's (Canadian Zinc) undertaking responses in light of departmental mandates and responsibilities related to the proposed Prairie Creek All-season Road (the Project). The GNWT is pleased to provide the attached Information Requests (IRs), and anticipates that responses will assist in informing the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) and all parties about the nature and significance of the proposed Project's potential impacts.

**Clarification on scope of development**

After participating in the technical sessions and reviewing the public registry, GNWT is unclear about Canadian Zinc's intended use of the historic airstrips at the Wolverine Pass and Grainger Camp locations. One of GNWT's IRs to Canadian Zinc is intended to address this point.

GNWT has reviewed the September 2014 Terms of Reference and the Reasons for Decision on the Scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for EA1415-01 and has also briefly reviewed the March 2009 Review Board Ruling on the Scope of Development for EA0809-002, the Prairie Creek Mine.

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In relation to the potential use of historic airstrips, GNWT notes:

- The scope of development for the Prairie Creek Mine (EA0809-002) included “all physical works and activities associated with the winter access road” (EA0809-002 Ruling, p. 29);
- The Review Board “considered the 1980 evaluation, the Reasons for Decision on the Scope of the Development for EA0809-002, the Report of EA for EA0809-002, and the previous and existing LUPs” in determining the scope of the All-season Road EA. (EA14-15-01 RfD 2, p. 2);
- “The [All-season Road] environmental assessment can currently assess an airstrip outside of the Nahanni National Park Reserve” (EA14-15-01 TOR, 3.1.1, p. 9);
- “The Review Board may amend the scope of development at any time during the environmental assessment if the proposed development changes.” (EA14-15-01 TOR, 3.1, p.7);
- “The scope of the [All-season Road] development excludes components which have been previously assessed and are currently permitted. An Environmental Evaluation was completed for the winter road in 1980 and the road was the subject of an EA approved by the federal Minister in 2012 (EA0809-002). Activities and developments considered during these assessments will not be re-assessed.” (EA14-15-01 RfD 3.1, p. 2); and
- Canadian Zinc’s land use permit MV2003F0028 expired on April 10, 2014. Canadian Zinc’s land use permit MV2012F0007 is currently in effect and expires January 9, 2018.

Based on the above, GNWT requests that the Review Board confirm for all parties whether aviation-related works and activities at the Wolverine Pass and Grainger Camp locations are within the scope of the current assessment, and clarify the extent and outcomes of any previous assessment of these works and activities. GNWT further requests that the Review Board review the scope of development and scope of assessment in light of Canadian Zinc’s IR responses, and make any required amendments.

GNWT will review the IR responses and any revisions to the scope to ensure that GNWT has the information it requires to understand the potential impacts of the proposed development, and will follow up with Canadian Zinc and the Review Board as required.

If the Review Board or any of the parties to this environmental assessment have questions about the GNWT's IRs, please contact Paul Mercredi, Project Assessment Analyst at [paul\\_mercredi@gov.nt.ca](mailto:paul_mercredi@gov.nt.ca) or Melissa Pink, Manager Project Assessment Branch, at [melissa\\_pink@gov.nt.ca](mailto:melissa_pink@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L Seale'.

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Attachment: Round two information requests.