

## Executive Summary K'aodhe gondie

**1. This report describes the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) environmental assessment of Canadian Zinc Corp.'s (CanZinc or "the developer") Prairie Creek All Season Road Project (All Season Road or the Project). The Project involves the construction and operation of a 184 km (114 Miles) all season access road from the Liard River near the Liard Highway to the Prairie Creek Mine in the Nahanni National Park Reserve (Nahanni Park). The Project is located in the Dehcho region of the Northwest Territories.**

1. Edi edlht'eh kaet'qo la, ekó Tthenáágó go-ndéh k'eh godí dehá shíro tah kajlı gots'é ek'élü dakats'édichu (láondíh ek'élü dakadenítq gha ile énidé eghálaeda ts'ēhk'eh) gedí gots'eh ezhii la jo, Góhdli Ndéh, deh gáh nats'edéh, gots'eh k'eh amí né gots'eh tu eghálaeda edlht'eh ts'eh k'eh gedehtth'í-ke, edédigha amí né zhih eghálagidéh-ke Canadian zinc góhgedi gots'eh k'eh gondie kagí?o. (amí eghálaeda t'ah kehoníthi gha ile énidé Can Zinc). Edi eghálaeda, azhíi met'ah thelá la, dáqndih eghálaeda t'ah kehonidhíh gots'eh godí sęę eghálagenda la kaa líé latth'ono ?qó hono ?qó díl dechi, ezhíi la godí Náhcháhdeh nílì ekuhzhęę satsó mehchíe ek'élü nja, ezhíi la Prairie déha shíro tah kajlı la godí daelı ts'eh dúyé ndéh dhaa t'uh gedeht'í, ekuhzhęę ghagedi. (Tthenáágó Ndéh k'eh). Góhdli Ndéh gok'ezhii godí Dehcho ndéh síi, ekó gha eghálats'enda t'ah kékhots'éníthi gha.

### Proposed development/Dáqndih t'ah eghálaeda kékhoteníthi gha

**2. The All-Season Road follows the general route of CanZinc's Permitted Winter Road, overlapping it for approximately half of the route. Construction will take three years. Part of the road will be built on the floodplain of Sundog Creek in Nahanni Park; for this part, CanZinc proposes to build a channel to divert the creek. Mine trucks will haul concentrate to the Laird River, which will be crossed by a ferry or ice bridge to reach the Liard Highway, averaging 12 to 18 roundtrips per day, to a maximum of 25 trips per day. Trucks will also haul fuel and equipment, mine supplies and personnel. In addition, the Project will include:**

- construction camps and staging areas along the road;
- 80 possible borrow locations, some of which would require blasting; and,
- a check point at the barge landing on the north side of the Liard River (CanZinc cannot restrict access on public land, but can restrict access to its leased barge landing site).

The scope of the development also includes closure and reclamation of the All-Season Road at the end of the expected mine life.

2. Ekúhzhéq xaye gháqdé ek'élü dakats'édíchu gedlı, ezhíi la godı Can Zinc's gots'é ek'élü nı? q a la káa enáhtaní gha ek'élü ɬetéh nı? q ɬt'e. Ekúhzhéq gha tai xaye ts'é zhéq k'eh eghálagenda gha. Godı Nah? q Döh ts'eh kaelı godhaa t'uh gedéht'l síi, ekúhzhéq déha Sundog dehá gohgedlı, ekúhzhéq gha ek'élü daa gehts'l gha; ezhíi mets'eh? q edı né zhíi eghálagidéh-ke Can Zinc kagedlı, déha gulı naduhlı gha menadáh gulı ts'é kaots'ihkah gedlı. Tthe tu kagezené la, ekó Nácháhdeh ts'é ahsíi káqndíh satsó mehchíé k'éogleh síi, káqndíh t'ah azhö ehghágededhah gha, ezhíi la godı déh gáh eláo satsó mehchíé noqeleh t'ah nogedhah gha íle énídé xaye tə k'eh ek'élü nı? q k'éé ehghágededhah gha, ezhíi la godı Echaot'ię kúé gots'é satsó mehchíe ek'élü nı? q ts'é kaa dah?oh, líé dzé hono ?óó qki íle énídé hono ?óó ehts'édıi lıi ts'é tthe tu ehghágededhah gha, íle énídé dah?oh qki hono ?óó sulái lıi gha sǫqndı. Azhíi satsó mehchíé t'ah eghágededhah la, tله gots'eh azhíi t'ah eghálagenda, né zhíi ahsíi t'ah eghálagenda ts'ehk'eh satsó met'ah eghálaeda gots'eh ahsíi chu, káqndíh gha eghágededhah gha. Azhíi eghálagenda metah thelá la:

- godı ek'élü mbaa ahsíi thelá gha segogeléh gots'eh godı gogha kúé nıoglhsíí Gha;
- Dah?oh káa azhö t'ah né zhıh ehts'édıi hono lıi ts'é kaqogekáh gha, daa la né Zhıh kąqogek'é gha; gots'eh,
- godı náhchahdéh nılı, duhndé k'eh gha eláo tötłę k'é gots'utsı gedlı, (Né zhıh Eghálagideh-ke dúyé godı dene nagídéh k'é eghálagenda, káqndíh kqo godı Eláo tötłę gha zoh met'ah eghálats'enda edıhtl'eh gogho chu ɬt'e).

Kaa azhö eghálaeda enagít'é énídé dáqndíh t'ah ek'élü k'eh Eghálagında ts'eh k'eh k'éé anagogeléh gha gots'eh dáqndíh t'ah Godagechu gha, kaa azhö menadaa segoglá.

**3. Over the course of this environmental assessment, CanZinc has proposed Project modifications. The developer originally proposed building an airstrip on the Ram Plateau in Nahanni Park, but revised its Project during the EA to exclude it. It has also excluded the Tetcela and Liard transfer facilities that were originally proposed as part of the Project.**

3. Edı né ts'eh k'eh edıhtl'eh tah goghögında gots'ę amíi né ts'eh k'eh eghálagidéh-ke kagedlı síi dúle go-eghálaeda edıhtl'eh gulı anageléh gedlı. Amíi eghálagenda-ke kagedlı, godı doo ndéh, ezhíi la Náh? q Dehá godı t'uh godhaa gedeht'i, ekuhzhéq gha eláet'aa nanetłę k'é gots'uts'l, káqndíh kqo edı eghálaeda edıhtl'eh géhtsı kii ahsíi metah datl'eh le, ezhíi t'ah metah nıts'odhah gedlı. Godı Tetcela gots'eh náhchahdéh ahsíi ehghágededhah k'é gogehtsı gha, ezhíi chu kaa eghálaeda edıhtl'eh tah thelá.

**4. The Project would cross territorial and federal lands. Approximately 85 km (53 Miles) of the Project are in Nahanni Park, a federally protected National Park Reserve. The area crossed by the route is, and has long been, used for traditional harvesting by Aboriginal groups. Animal and plant species at risk are found along the route.**

**4. Edı eghálaçda la, Góhdlı Ndéh gots'eh saámba Nazhę́ ndehé, ełehéh eghalaçda t'ah kehogenihthı gha. Kaa azhǫ godı saámba nazhę́ gots'eh k'eh né ghǫg gihndih síi, sulái hono ?qó tai dechı, ekuhzhę́ gha eghálats'uda gedı. Ekuhzhę́ ek'élı mbaa gha láqondih dene ahsíi kagenidhę. Gölöh gots'eh ít'ó ch'á kadę azhı́ k'ét'áq adəandıhle síi ekuhzhę́ go-mbaa gha kadúle meots'ıhah.**

**5. Nahanni Butte Dene Band is the nearest potentially-affected community to the Project. Its leadership and members voiced their enthusiastic support for the Project, based on expected socio-economic benefits. The Board recognizes the position of Nahanni Butte Dene Band and considered it in its decision making. This Report of Environmental Assessment focusses on the Review Board's assessment of likely significant adverse impacts.**

**5. Na?á Dehé Dene-ke ededı gha gots'é honę eghálaçda gha t'ah, kaa jø ts'é gededih gha. Amí kótah nagedéh go-k'aodhe-ke kaa eghálaçda kehonidhe énídé dáondih t'ah saámba ts'ehk'eh t'ah gots'agendı gha. Amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedehtthı-ke, kaa azhǫ Ná?á Dehé goghögündih gots'eh dáondih t'ah gondı kageah gha énídé, go-gondı t'ah sǫq nodeq gondı kageah gha. Edı ndéh ts'eh k'eh gondı kaet'qo la, amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedehtthı-ke go-gondı ahsíi ɬo mek'eh agot'ı.**

#### **The precautionary approach and adaptive management**

Nezü k'éots'eah gots'eh mehéh nezü eghálats'enda

**6. Parties and the Review Board were faced with uncertainty in CanZinc's impact predictions, and expressed a lack of confidence that CanZinc's proposed mitigations would be carried out and be effective. In this EA, when 1) the lack of information caused an unacceptable level of uncertainty, and 2) there was potential for serious environmental harm, the Review Board took a precautionary approach in its decision making.**

**6. Amí gohéh eghálagenda gots'eh edı tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedehtthı-ke, kui dáondih t'ah né zhıh eghálagıdék-ke Can Zinc's góhgedı, go-gondı kui nezü gogha nadętth'e le, ezhıı mets'eh?o dahşeqe nezü eghálagenda gha sǫqondı gots'eh dahşeqe nezü k'éogeah gha. Ahsıı líé t'ah gots'é gogídę la) kui ahsıı ts'eh k'eh gondı ɬo kagıdhaah le ezhıı mets'eh?o gogha ehsıı, gots'eh edı ahsıı óki la, dah?oh golöh gohthę agondék-ke gha t'ah edı amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı-ke, k'áchu nezü azhǫ ahsıı tah eghögeda gha, goghágadé k'ét'áq gondı goghögıah gha.**

**7. In the Review Board's opinion, the level of uncertainty regarding predicted impacts is particularly high in this environmental assessment. This is due largely to a general lack of information about the Project, the Project setting, CanZinc's predictions and CanZinc's proposed mitigations. In these respects, CanZinc has not met its burden of proof.**

7. Ekúh edı tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'-ke kagedlı, né ts'eh k'eh dagogíke, ezhí la kii gogha ehsíi ɬáondíh, ezhí gháqdé kaa jø ts'é golóah megóhthé agondéh gha. Dáondíh t'ah la, godı eghálagenda ghá kii nezü zhęe ts'eh k'eh gondı kagı?q le, dáondíh t'ah kékogeníthı gha, gots'eh né zihı eghálagídéh-ke Can Zinc's góhgedı kii dáondíh t'ah ɻndaa gogha keodat'í chu kii gogha ehsíi gots'eh dáondíh t'ah Can Zinc's eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh enaqít'é gha. Kaa gots'edehchá kqo ezhí mets'eh?q kii Can Zinc's gondı natsę kagıdhah le.

**8. This Project is proposed in an area that is highly valued. The proposed Project includes areas that are:**

- **in a National Park Reserve (the highest level of protection possible under Canadian law);**
- **upstream of a UNESCO World Heritage Site;**
- **culturally and spiritually important and used for traditional harvesting by Aboriginal parties;**
- **habitat for wildlife and plant species at risk; and,**
- **in a glacial refugium.**

8. Godı ek'élü ɬatats'uge gedı la, ekúhzhę la hutl'ie goghqhgħndih q't'e. Azhí eghálaeda metah thelá la:

- godı daelı gots'eh azhq ndéh ghoh ts'undih gedı t'ah zhęe dhaa t'l'uh gedéht'í (ezhí la azhq Canadian go-e?qä zihı thelá gots'eh hutl'ie goghqhgħndih q't'e);
- gots'eh kii ekúhzhę saadędhaa gha edı azhq ndéh gogha ahnħi ts'eh ahsíi thelá.
- Amíi dene kehlı ekúhzhę dechitah aqęat'í gots'eh godı dene tħ'ene thelá chu gogha met'āodęa q't'e.
- ekúhzhę la golóah ch'á kadęa gots'eh it'q daa chu hulé adandíhle; gots'eh
- ekúhzhę la tħ'eni tah gháguht'í.

**9. In the Board's view, impacts that might be acceptable in another setting are unacceptable in this setting. An additional duty of care is appropriate when considering the significance of potential impacts in these areas.**

9. Edı né gots'eh tu ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'-ke azhí ghágıda la, dah?q ahśíi għulí ghoh ats'edı énidé kii l-éht'e għa kqo, azhí ghoh agedı kii dūyé enidhę gedı. Káondíh ahśíi ekúhzhę megóhthé agondéh għa énidé sęę nezü mets'eh k'eh eghálats'enda q't'e.

**10. The uncertainty described above is part of the reason why the Review Board has emphasized adaptive management throughout this report. By requiring careful monitoring, evaluation (including identifying specific thresholds for action), and increasing levels of mitigation, impacts can be identified and reduced or prevented before they are significant. Adaptive management specifies when to act, and what to do. This is a requirement of several of the measures that follow.**

**10.** Azhí nahéh gha ehsí dúh nahéh ndah adídí la, ezhí gha mets'eh?q edí amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'í -ke kagedí, azhó dáondíh t'ah ahsí ghoh gihndíh gha chu metah thélá gha. Sęę nezü ahsí tah goghágenda gha, azhó azhí ghagída síi edıhtl'eh k'eh nı̄gıtł'eh gha (godı sęę ahsí goglı?q chu ), gots'eh godı k'endah eghálagenda ghoh gihndíh gha, gots'eh azhí megohthé agot'l chu gephohihndíh gha gots'eh ahsí megohthé agondéh jle godhéh ts'é nezü denadáh sęęgogeleh gha. Ahsaq gujáá énídé dáondíh t'ah mědhaa eghálats'enda gots'eh dats'endeh gha sǫondı, ezhí gha edıhtl'eh tah the?q gha. Edí ghájdé ahsí gíhdzaa gha.

**The Review Board's findings/Tu gots'eh Nę ts'eh k'eh gedehtth'í- ke azhí goglı?q la**

**11. The Review Board has carefully considered the following issues, and has determined that this proposed all season industrial haul road through a National Park Reserve in species at risk habitat is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on the environment. In light of the uncertainties and lack of confidence noted above, the Board considered its options, including ordering an environmental impact review. Ultimately, the Board decided that by applying a precautionary approach in its analysis of the evidence and imposing measures (many of which build on CanZinc's commitment) significant adverse impacts can be avoided and the Project can proceed to the regulatory phase. The Board has recommended a series of measures and made suggestions intended to mitigate the significant adverse impacts, and improve monitoring and managing the potential impacts.**

**11,** Edí tu gots'eh né eghálaeda edıhl'eh ts'eh k'eh gedehtth'í-ke sęę nezü azhó gondı ghagída, gots'eh kagedí, edí godı ndéh ts'é k'aodhe naılı godhaa t'uh gedeht'l síi, dah?qh ekó ek'elu latagedéhge énídé dah?oh hut'íe dechłtah ahsí megohthé agondéh gha. Kaa gogha ehsí gots'eh kí azhó eghálaeda gonadáh ahsí lı̄ tah goghágıda le, ezhí mets'eh?q, edí amí tu gots'eh né edıhtl'eh ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthí-ke azhó ahsí tah eghohgenda gha, gots'eh edí né ts'eh k'eh chu k'áchu meghołs'uda gedı. Káondíh kqo, edí amí tu gots'eh né edıhtl'eh ts'eh k'eh gedehtthí-ke kagedí, go-gondı ts'eh k'eh nezü gondı kats'ua ( Can Zinc's dáondíh t'ah eghálagenda, ezhí ghájdé gondı géhtsı gha) gots'eh ahsí megohthé agondéh ch'á kadúle meghołts'ihndíh gots'eh meghájdé kadúle eghálaeda t'ah kehonidhı. Edí amí tu gots'eh né eghálaeda edıhtl'eh ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthí-ke kagóhgedı, gondı natsę metah nı̄náhah gha gots'eh dáondíh tah ahsí nezü meghołts'undıh gots'eh sęę nezü azhó ndéh ts'eh k'eh zhęenadáh sęę gogeléh gha gots'eh nezü chu ashí ghohgihndíh gha.

**Human safety/Dene nezü agut'ı̄ gogha nezü agots'eléh gha**

**12. The Project follows a steep and remote mountainous route. Terrain issues such as landslides, avalanches and permafrost thaw have potentially significant impacts on human safety and the environment along the proposed road. CanZinc has not proven to the Review Board that it will mitigate these impacts satisfactorily. CanZinc has only identified a portion of the road alignment, and has not produced detailed**

**site information for approximately 80% of the route, making it difficult to reliably predict impacts.**

**12.** Edı godlı ek'élı k'éé eghálats'unda gedı la, ekó shíh chíh gots'eh godlı gohdaqdeä, ekúhzhęq gha eghálagenda gha. Godlı ek'élı k'eh eghálats'unda gedı la, kadúle amíi ekúhzhęq eghálagenda gohthé agondéh, at'aa ekúhzhęq shíh tah la mèdlıı lzheq naqdéhthe,gots'eh zhah ɬo énídé kadúle shíh ts'eh zhah uzhęq naqdéhthıı gots'eh tth'enı chu kadúle dene gots'eh golóah góhthé agondéh. Edı amíi né zhıı eghálagıdék-ke Can Zinc's góhgedı kui, amíi tu gots'eh né edıhtı'eh eghálaqeda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthıı-ke kui dáondıh t'ah ahsíi gohthé agondéh mets'eh k'eh gondı natsę nigenidhah le góhgedı. Can Zinc's la kui godlı ek'élı k'éé eghálagenda gındı, kui azhıı nezü gondah kagındı le, gots'eh godlı kaa azhıı t'ah ehnatanı gonią, chu, kui dáondıh t'ah eghálagenda chu kui megondı húle, ezhıı t'ah kadúle ahsíi megohthé agondéh, ezhıı t'ah gondı goghats'ıah gha godęzhı.

**13. Accidents could result in significant adverse impacts on people and the environment. Unlike the already Permitted Winter Road, the Project is designed as a single lane haul road, but there will be two-way traffic. It was not designed to a public use standard, but will be used by the public, such as members of Nahanni Butte Dene Band, and possibly others. Additional access will be reduced by controlling the barge crossing and landing site at the Liard River. The Review Board is concerned that this will not prevent other members of the public from accessing the road by going around the barge lease area.**

The Review Board finds that the road would pose a significant risk of accidents for all traffic as designed. The location and route is likely to restrict or delay emergency responses. The Review Board concludes that the Project, as proposed, is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on human safety and the environment from accidents. To reduce this risk, the Review Board has prescribed measures for:

- an Independent Technical Review Panel for road design, with Aboriginal and government engagement on panel composition and activities, to ensure that the road is designed to a standard that is highly protective of people and the environment; and
- a Traffic Control Mitigation and Management Plan to manage access control mitigations and all traffic on the road, including mine and non-mine traffic.

The Review Board has made suggestions to help manage avalanche risks.

**13. Ek'élı k'éé ahsaa gujáa énídé kadúle dene gots'eh dechıtah ahsíi nadéh gohthé agondéh.**

Azhíí ghøħ ats'edı nezü keots'usháh ts'enidhe énidé nezü gondah kadahndlı. Ekúhzhęq la xaye tē k'ę́ę nogethe, gots'ęh ezhíí ek'élı nią la, kii satsó mechlıę ńié t'ah ahsíí ehghágedele gha káondih kqoq kadúle ek'élı k'ę́ę ahsíí met'ah eghálaqeda ehnaa nageléh gha. Kii azhö gots'ę medakats'ęchu għażżeq , káondih kqoq kaa amíi Tthenáágó nagedéh gots'ęh dah?oh dene gonanęq chu ekúhzhee aget'í għa sőqndi. Godi nogethe k'ę́ę chu gots'ęh godi Nácháhdeh eláo t'ah nogethe chu gogħoħts'ihndi għa. Tu gots'eh nē edl̄htl'ěh met'ah eghálaqeda ts'ęh k'eh gedehthi-ke kaegenidħeq, kot'ih azhö nezü dene gogħoħts'ihndi għa kqoq, kāa jø ts'ę dah?oh godi eláo tötłę godħħaa ts'ęh ek'élı k'eh aget'í għa sőqndi.

Tu gots'ęh nē edl̄htl'ěh met'ah eghálaqeda ts'ęh k'eh gedéħtthi-ke kagedi, ezhíí ek'élı géħts'ı għa kii nezü dąqatlı' ēħ le t'ah, kadúle mets'ęh?o satsó meħchlię ech'ágojthi għa sőqndi. Godi agħoħgedi gots'ęh godi ek'élı nią għa, síi kot'ih kqoq ahsáa gujáá énidé dúyé satsó meħchlię met'ah dene ezhħajl k'ęots'ile t'ah dúyé gokats'etħah. Ezhíí mets'ęh?o amíi tu gots'ęh nē eghálaqeda edl̄htl'ěh ts'ęh k'eh gedéħtthi-ke kagedi, edi eghálaqeda mets'ęh?o kadúle hūtl'ie dene gots'ęh dechħitah golóah goħthę́ agondéh. Kagħondéh ch'á amíi tu gots'ęh nē eghálaqeda edl̄htl'ěh ts'ęh k'eh gedéħtthi-ke kagedi, ahsíí saanet'ę metaħ thelá la:

- amíi ek'élı mbaa dəadehtsę k'eh eghálagħidéh -ke kadúle kótaħ ts'ęh dene keħli gots'ęh ndéh ts'ę k'aodhe-ke azhö sęq dáondih t'ah nezü dene gogħa ek'élı sęq geléh għa gots'ęh azhíí t'ah eghálagenda ts'ęh k'eh, azhö nezü dáondih t'ah dene gots'ęh dechħitah ts'ęh golóah għoħgħiħndih chu gondáħ kagedi għa gots'ęh,
- dáondih t'ah satsó meħchlię ek'élı k'ę́ę eghálagenda gotseħ dáondih t'ah ashí għoħgħiħndih għa chu edl̄htl'ěh gháq-dé ageléh għa gots'ęh amíi azhö ek'élı k'ę́ę nē zhi eghálagħidéh-ke azhíí satsó meħchlię t'ah eghálagenda chu gogħoħgħiħndih għa.

Amíi tu gots'ęh nē met'ah eghálaqeda edl̄htl'ěh ts'ęh k'eh gedéħtthi-ke kagħoħgedi, godi shiħ tah mèdlu ts'ę zhah naqdéħthe ts'ęh k'eh kadúle nahéħts'athid għoħgedi.

#### Wildlife and wildlife habitat/Ndéh k'eh għoħ għal għoħ għal għad-dan

#### 14. The Project is likely to adversely affect wildlife, including species at risk (such as mountain caribou, boreal caribou, collared pika and rare birds) from:

- direct habitat loss from road construction;
- direct mortality from vehicle collisions;
- sensory disturbance and displacement of wildlife during road operations; and
- wildlife habitat fragmentation.

For a 20-year period, the Project will degrade the ecological integrity of nearby areas of Nahanni Park.

**CanZinc cannot reasonably predict impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat from the Project to identify appropriate mitigations. This is because it lacks baseline data on the presence or absence of key species, the location of critical habitat, and the seasonal use of the road area by wildlife. There is a high level of uncertainty about the effectiveness of the developer's proposed mitigations for impacts on wildlife. Also, there is a high degree of uncertainty over the effectiveness of proposed access control methods, and whether increased hunting will significantly affect wildlife.**

**14.** Edı eghálaeda kadúle azhíi dechłtah ts'eh k'eh golqah k'ét'aq anadądihle megóhthé agondéh (ezhíi la, shihtá ts'eh medzih, nódı,golqah aęts'elıa ch'á kadęa gots'eh kiozhıi chúa ch'á kadęa chu) ezhíi la azhíi ts'eh?q agot'ı la:

- ek'élı k'ę́e eghálagenda mets'eh?q agot'ı ;
- satsó mechchię ehch'áoguthı chu
- dú?q hútl'ie ek'élı k'ę́e naqdedéh mets'eh?q golqah ts'ıdéh gots'eh
- kii godı mezhaa guhléh gha chu megóhthı agot'ı.

Edı eghálaeda káa ɻndaa qki hono xaye ts'ę,azhq godı Nah?qDehé shihtá Ndéh ts'ę k'aodhe-ke tlı'uh godhaa gedéh'tl, káa nodeq ts'ę azhq ahsıi né tah nadéh megóhthé agondéh gha.

Edı eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh, amíi né zhıh eghálagenda-ke Can Zinc góhgedı, kii dáondıh t'ah Ndéh k'eh gots'eh golqah ch'á kadęa gots'eh godı mezhaa guhléh k'ę́e kii megondı húle. Dáondıh t'ah la, sęq azhíi ghoh agedı ɻle énidé azhíi sęq met'aodęa, godı sęq gonadáh godęzhi sǫondı gots'eh godı ek'élı k'ę́e golqah nadéhah gha.Amíi né zhıh eghálagıdéh-ke dáondıh t'ah eghálaeda kehogenıhthı gha gots'eh dahsęq golqah ch'á kadęa gohthé agondéh gha kii gogha ehsıi.Gots'eh godı shih tah ek'élı nıq, dáondıh t'ah azhq dene goghıhgıhndıh gha, gots'eh dahsęq ekó k'endah nagezéh gha énidé dahsęq golqah ch'á kadęa gohthé agondéh gha sǫondı.

**15. To prevent the significant adverse impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat that are otherwise likely, the Review Board requires CanZinc to link the collection of baseline information with the mitigations, to do systematic wildlife monitoring incorporating Traditional Knowledge, and to use adaptive management to identify when to take action, and what actions to take. Another measure prescribes that the GNWT and Parks Canada require CanZinc to prepare a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan under the territorial *Wildlife Act*. A third measure requires CanZinc to identify wildlife crossing areas and post signage for wildlife caution zones.**

**15.** Kot'ıh golqah ch'á kadęa gots'eh godı mezhaa guhléh síi gohthé agondéh ch'á, amíi tu gots'eh né met'ah eghálaeda edıhtı'eh ts'eh k'eh gedéhthı-ke, edı amíi né zhıh eghálagıdéh-ke Can Zinc góhgedı kagóhgedı,sıi dúle azhq azhíi t'ah eghálanda síi metah nınahtı'eh, gots'eh k'endah golqah ch'á kadęa dene zhatı ts'eh k'eh t'ah meghıhahndıh, gots'eh ahsaa gujáa énidé dáondıh t'ah sęqohahléh gha gots'eh dáondıh t'ah chu kehonahthı gha chu mets'eh k'eh edıhtı'eh nınahtháh. Gots'eh edı ahsıi líé chu la, Góhdblı Ndéh ts'eh k'aodhe-ke

gots'ęh amí azhǫ Canada ndéh godlı né godhaa t'uh gedéht'ı -ke , edı amí né zhıh eghálagídéh-ke, Can Zinc góhgedı, sí dúle dáondıh t'ah ndéh k'eh gots'ęh golqah meghohahndıh gots'ęh dáondıh t'ah megondı nats'ı gha, ezhí azhǫ Góhdı Ndéh go-e?aq chu metah nınáhthah. Edı ahsní tai lı la, edı amí né zhıh eghálagídéh-ke Can Zinc góhgedı, sí dúle godlı golqah nogóhthe gots'ęh k'eh chu gondı mendáh kedahtsę.

#### **Traditional harvest/Dechłtah nats'ezeh**

**16. The Review Board finds that traditional Aboriginal harvesting is likely to increase where the Project will increase access. Increased hunting pressure from increased access combined with all other Project effects on wildlife could affect the number of animals available. The Review Board suggests that wildlife management authorities work with communities and harvesters to develop and conduct a monitoring program to track harvest patterns and pressures throughout the life of the Project. This will help wildlife management authorities and communities prescribe or implement adaptive mitigations if necessary.**

16. Edı tu gots'ęh ne edıhtł'ěh met'ah eghálaçda ts'ęh k'eh gedéhthı-ke kagedı, godlı eghálagenda gha énídé, káa mets'ęh?ı ekúhzhęe dene kehlı ɿ nagezéh gha. K'éndaa ekúhzhęe nagezéh gha énídé, edı eghálaçda káa golqah góhthę agondéh gha. Edı tu gots'ęh né edıhtł'ěh met'ah eghálaçda ts'ęh k'eh gedéhthı-ke kagedı, kók'éndih azhǫ kótah dene nagedéh gots'ęh amí ehdzóo ageh?ı sí, nezü gohéh, dáondıh t'ah golqah ghohgihndıh ts'ęh k'eh edıhtł'ěh t'ah gots'agendı gha, ezhí kui dadédhaa eghálagenda ts'ę kaget'ı gha. Edı kadúle met'ah kók'éndih gots'ęh amí kótah nagedéh kadúle zhęt ts'ęh k'eh t'ah edęgħa sęgħogeléh.

#### **Water quality and quantity/Tu daqħlı gots'ęh tu danet'ę**

**17. The Project will include 112 minor stream crossings and 17 major stream crossings. Major stream crossings requiring bridges, numerous crossings requiring culverts, and the Sundog diversion are located in Nahanni Park. The Review Board finds that CanZinc has not provided adequate baseline information on stream flows. Inadequate baseline information may lead to stream and creek crossing designs that are inadequate to prevent flooding, increased erosion, downstream sedimentation, deposition of sediments in the diversion, permafrost thaw, bridge failures, or road washouts. This may result in significant adverse impacts on water quality, and on fish and fish habitat, from impacts such as flooding, erosion, and sedimentation. Impacts from spills resulting from road accidents may cause significant adverse impacts on water quality. CanZinc's proposed monitoring programs are not**

**sufficient to prevent significant adverse impacts; the developer has not shown how monitoring will be linked to an adaptive management framework to systematically adjust mitigations based on the results of monitoring.**

**17.** Edi eghálaeda la,káa azhq t'ah dehá aets'elia líé latth'ono ?qó hono ?qó qki gots'eh deh zhanechá la káa azhq t'ah hono ?qó láhdíl téh gogedéhthi gha. Godí deh nechá nílilí síí, metéh noeq gots'utsí, gots'eh godí deh gha noeq ts'ehstsí gha énídé, ek'élú zhíí gha satsó k'ó tu mezhíh k'ét'l'e ekó níts'echu gha, gots'eh godí sundog dehá, ekúhzhéq la Nah?aq Dehá ts'eh kadéllí godí ndéh dhaa tl'uh gedeht'í, ekúhzhéq gok'ézhíí gha góhgedí. Edi amíí tu gots'eh ne edíht'élh met'ah eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh gedéhthi-ke azhíí Can Zinc go-edíht'élh tah gogíh?q la, kui dáondíh t'ah dehá eléh kui megondí húle gedí. Kui nezú edíht'élh k'eh ahsíí nigenidhah le, ezhíí t'ah kadúle godí dehá gots'eh godí dehá náá nogehthi síí, kadúle mets'eh?q tu gotah dahdímíh, met'ah medlíl góhdaqdehthe, gots'eh godí dehá delí síí azhíí azhq dehá tl'aa níeh, gots'eh azhq tu tah helí sónqndí, gots'eh kadúle tt'héni chu eítlaa, kadúle noeq chu megóhthé agondéh íle énídé kadúle ek'élú azhq tu t'ah metaitlöh. Kagujáá énídé hutl'íé sqó ahsíí ló megóhthé agondéh gha, met'ah tu ló le énídé gots'eh met'ah tu ló chu agondéh, gots'eh lue gots'eh azhíí wóh shézhéh chu megóhthé agondéh gha, atl'aa azhq tu gotah dahdímíh énídé, medlíl naqdéhthe, gots'eh ahsíí tu elí síí tu tl'aa níeh gha. Ezhíí gha kadúle mets'eh?q nezú agondéh ghaílée. Ek'élú gáh satsó mehchíé lèch'aonihthi gots'eh azhq tleh kadélt'l'é énídé, kadúle met'ah tu ts'ídhíl. Can Zinc ahsíí ghóh ts'lhndíh gha gedí káondíh kóq, ahsíí megóhthé agondéh mets'eh k'eh kui gondí natsé kagí?q le; gots'eh edi né zhíí eghágídéh-ke kui dáondíh t'ah k'éndah azhq ahsíí ghóh gíhndíh gha, atl'aa azhíí gondí gogíh?q ezhíí meghájdé ghagot'í.

**18. To mitigate these impacts, the Review Board prescribes a measure that requires CanZinc to install hydrometric stations, collect the necessary baseline information, identify appropriate mitigations and use them road crossing design and monitoring. The Board also suggests that water regulators work together when reviewing the Project, and enforce strict conditions about acid rock drainage and metal leaching.**

**18.** Ahsíí megóhthé agondéh ch'a, edi tu gots'eh né edíht'élh met'ah eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh gedéhthi-ke, Can Zinc kagóhgedí, godí dehá zhanílíl síí tu satsó met'ah dehá dadélt'l'ie nílilí ts'eh k'eh ninahchu góhgedí, met'ah gondí nezú nínáhddah, gots'eh azhíí megóhthé agondéh chu metah nínáht'l'éh gots'eh ezhíí meghájdé godí, ek'élú téh nogethe gots'eh azhíí azhq meghóhahndíh gha chu, edi gondí natsí síí meghájdé at'l. Edi amíí tu gots'eh né edíht'élh met'ah eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh gedéhthi-ke kagedí, gha azhq godí eghálagenda meghóahda gots'eh godí tthe tu azhq néhlagedeht'l'e gots'eh satsó t'ah eghálagenda énídé ahsíí ndah gedundih, ezhíí kagondéh godhéh ts'é edi amíí tu ts'eh k'eh eghálagenda síí, sée nezú lèhéh eghálagunda góhgedí.

#### **Fish and fish habitat/Lue gots'eh Túh ahsíí zhágúndíh**

**19. The proposed diversion of Sundog Creek in Nahanni Park may result in direct habitat loss, smothering of spawning habitat by sediment, effects on invertebrate**

**populations that fish feed on, and stranding of fish when flows change. These risks occur in the setting of a protected area, where it is particularly important to protect fish and fish habitat, as part of ecosystem integrity.**

**19. Ekó sundog dehá godı sęę Náh?ą Dehá ts'eh kałlıI godhaa t'uh gedeht'ı, ekúhzhęę gha dehá gulı naęlı gha kaqt'sukah gedı, káondıh kǫo tüh ts'eh luea , goht'éh megóhthę agondéh gha, gots'eh azhíı lue tüh ts'eh ahsıı shezhéh gots'eh kǫ'tih dehá gulı anagogıla énídé lue daa kaa megothę agondéh gha.Edı godı sęę ahsıı meghohts'undıh gedı la, lue gots'eh tüh ahsıı zhágündıh ezhíı la met'aqdea t'ah sęę nezü meghohts'ihndıh gha go?q. Ezhíı la káa azhö ahsıı get'anıę qt'ę.**

**20. Neither the developer nor the Department of Fisheries and Oceans could provide a single example of a successful creek diversion similar to the one planned for Sundog Creek. CanZinc has not proven to the satisfaction of the Board that it can construct and maintain the Sundog Creek diversion channel in a way that does not result in significant adverse impacts on water quality and quantity or fish and fish habitat. These impacts would also pose risks to traditionally harvested fish.**

**20. Edı amíı né zhıı eghálagídéh-ke gots'eh Zhaambáa tue gots'eh lue ts'eh k'eh gedéhthı-ke,kıı duye dáondıh t'ah dehá gúlı anats'uléh gedı kǫo kıı gondı nezü kadéht'ı le, at'aa godı sundog dehá góhgedı ts'eh k'eh ghagedı. Edı amíı tu gots'eh né edıht'éh met'ah eghálaęda ts'eh k'eh gedéhthı-ke la kagedı, edı né zhıı eghálagídéh-ke CanZinc góhgedı kıı dáondıh t'ah eghálagenda gha gots'eh dáondıh t'ah sundog dehá godı gúlı nadéhlıI gha, menadáh kaqt'sukah gedı gots'eh káondıh t'ah agogıla énídé, kadúle tu megóhthę agondéh gots'eh lue gots'eh tüh ahsıı zhágündıh chu. Amíı k'ála lue woh shégezhéh síı káa, gededih gha.**

**21. Considering this, along with uncertainties from a lack of relevant baseline information from CanZinc, the Review Board concludes that there is an unacceptable amount of uncertainty about these impacts in a protected area as a result of the proposed Sundog Creek diversion. There are also several problems with the monitoring CanZinc has proposed to study the effects of the diversion. To mitigate this, the Review Board requires CanZinc to make a plan for mitigating impacts through protective design, collection of baseline data, and monitoring to ensure effectiveness and inform adaptive management if unexpected problems arise.**

**21. Ezhíı godı sundog dehá nılıı kałlıI gulı anagots'uleh gedı, káondıh kǫo ekúhzhęę la ndéh ghohidıh ghaguht'ę, ezhíı t'ah amíı tu gots'eh edıht'éh met'ah eghálaęda ts'eh k'eh gedéhthı-ke kagedı, CanZinc kıı dáondıh t'ah ahsıı ghohgihndıh gha kıı gogha ehsıı. Gonanęę chu dáondıh t'ah dehá gúlı anagogeléh gha gots'eh nezü meghohts'ihndıh gha gedı káondıh kǫo kıı azhö ahsıı nezü nadetth'ę le. Dáondıh t'ah gephqedah la, amíı tu gots'eh né edıht'éh met'ah eghálaęda ts'eh k'eh gedéhthı-ke, CanZinc kágohgedı, edıht'éh meghájadé**

eghálaeda káondíh t'ah, godlı dahsę́ ahsı́ gohthé agondéh gha, gots'ę́h azhö azhí héh eghálanda megondı chu ɬaqť́ nınáhdhah, gots'ę́h sę́ nezü gondı nats'ı́ gots'ę́h ahsı́ t'ah nezü agot'ı́ le énídé, azhö dene gondah kadahndı.

### Culture and heritage/Dene naqdhe gots'ę́h dáondíh t'ah dene ts'ı́lì́

**22. The Review Board finds that the Project is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on culture and heritage resources. Aboriginal groups have traditionally used and continue to use the Project area, and have outstanding concerns. CanZinc did not provide the Review Board with Traditional Knowledge from all Aboriginal groups that use the Project area. Although the developer has made certain commitments to mitigate cultural impacts, the Review Board is not confident that they are sufficient. Traditional Knowledge from all potentially-affected Aboriginal groups is necessary to ensure culture and heritage resources are protected, to support other measures in this Report of EA, and to support and inform project design, mitigations, monitoring, and adaptive management.**

22. Amí tu gots'eh né edı̄htł́éh met'ah eghálats'enda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı́-ke, azhí gogí?q la edı̄ eghálaeda káa hútl'íe sǫ́q dene naqdhe gots'ę́h dáondíh t'ah dene ts'ı́lì́ ts'eh k'eh mets'ededih gha. Ekúhzhę́ la ɬáondíh dene kehlı̄ ndéh t'ah aget'ı́ gots'ę́h godlı̄ ek'élü k'ę́ę̄ eghálats'unda gedı̄ la, ekúhzhę́ ɬáondíh nagezéh, gots'ę́h káa hutł́íe zhę́ghǫ́h kagogundę.

Amí dene-ke k'ála ekúhzhę́ ndéh t'ah aget'ı́ la, edı̄ né zhı̄h eghálagídéh-ke kı̄ dene go-zhatı̄ ts'eh k'éh, amí tu gots'eh né edı̄htł́éh met'ah eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı́-ke, kı̄ dene gondı̄ gondaa kagı̄ndı̄ le. Káondíh kǫ́q edı̄ amí eghálagenda t'ah kékogenı̄thı̄ gha káa nezü ahsı́ megothé agondéh ch'a meghohtı̄s'ıhdı̄ gha gedı̄, káondíh kǫ́q edı̄ amí tu gots'eh né edı̄htł́éh met'ah eghálats'enda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı́-ke kagedı̄, kı̄ gondı̄ nezü kaę́t'qō le. Amí dene gothé agujáá síí azhö go-gondı̄ t'ah, edı̄ dene naqdhe gots'eh daóndih t'ah dene ts'ı́lì́ ts'ı́lì́ ts'eh k'eh azhö ahsı́ ghǫ́h gihndı̄ gha, ezhí la meghájádé gondı̄ nezü nı̄keh gots'eh dáondíh t'ah eghálagenda t'ah kehogenı̄thı̄, nezü k'éogeah, ahsı́ ghǫ́hgundı̄ gha, gots'eh nezü azhö ahsı́ héh eghálagenda gha.

**23. The Review Board requires CanZinc to engage with Traditional Knowledge holders from Nahanni Butte Dene Band, Liidlii Kué First Nation, and Dehcho First Nations about ways to avoid impacts from the Project, including impacts on heritage resources. The Board also requires CanZinc to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment that is informed by this Traditional Knowledge.**

23. Ezhí t'ah amí tu gots'eh né edı̄htł́éh meghájádé eghálats'enda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı́-ke CanZinc kagóhgédı̄, ekó Tthenáágó Got'ı̄e, Łí́ldlí́ kúé Got'ı̄e, gots'eh Dehcho Got'ı̄e azhö go-gondı̄ t'ah keodahah, gots'eh ekó eghálagenda t'ah kehogenı̄thı̄ énídé dáondíh t'ah ahsı́ megothé agondeh ch'a nezü keogihndı̄ gha. Amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedehtthı́-ke,

CanZinc kágohgedlı, edı dene go-zhatie ts'eh k'eh t'ah, godı ahnih dene ageat'ı sí me-gondı nezü nínáhthah.

### Vegetation/Ndéh Gok'eh T'ahsí Zhánízheh

**24. The road passes through a glacial refugium (an area that was not under glaciers during the last ice age), which is likely home to rare plants that may not exist elsewhere. CanZinc lacks sufficient baseline information to predict the Project's impacts on vegetation and to appropriately mitigate those impacts. There is also uncertainty about the potential impacts on vegetation from the introduction of invasive species.**

**24.** Tth'eni k'éé gha ek'élü niq (ekúhzhę́ gha үndęę ts'ę duhndę ndéh kii mezhıı tth'eni húle) ezhí la ít'ó ch'á kii ɬaqts'ę káondıh meghats'enda le, ekúhzhę́ gha zhánízheh. CanZinc kii dáondıh t'ah Ndéh gok'eh t'ahsí zhánízheh megohthę́ agondéh gha gots'eh dáondıh t'ah ahsí ghoghundih gha sǫqndı. Kii dáondıh t'ah edı Ndéh gok'eh t'ahsí zhánízheh, edı ít'ó gulı nezheh dahsęę nezü eléheh nezheh gha sǫqndı.

**25. To prevent significant adverse impacts on vegetation, the Board requires CanZinc to conduct an early season rare plant survey following the guidance of Parks Canada. This will form the basis for a Rare Plant Management Plan, including mitigation and adaptive management to prevent impacts on vegetation in Nahanni. The Board also requires invasive species management to prevent the introduction of invasive seeds and prevent or reduce the spread of invasive species.**

**25.** Ndeh gok'eh t'ahsí zhánízheh megohthę́ agondéh ch'á, amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı-ke, CanZinc kágohgedlı, amí edı ndéh ts'eh k'eh eghálagıdék gohéh ít'ó tah goghanda. Edı meghájdé ít'ó ghııts'ıhndıh gha, gots'eh azhıı chu metah nináhdhah la, dáondıh t'ah nezü eghálagenda gha gots'eh ekó Tthenáágó gondéh k'eh t'ahsí zhánízheh megohthę́ agondéh t'ah nezü goghoglındıh gha. Amí tu gots'eh né edıhtl'eh ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthı-ke kagedlı, ít'ó gulı zhanızheh t'ah, dáondıh t'ah meghohahndıh gha, mets'eh k'eh edıhtl'eh nináhthah, ezhí la met'ah ít'ó gulı zhanızheh ts'eh k'eh keots'ıah gha.

### Permafrost/Tth'eni

**26. The Review Board finds that permafrost degradation from Project activities is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on the surrounding environment. These include impacts on water, vegetation, the success of Project reclamation efforts, the ecological integrity of Nahanni near the road, and road infrastructure itself (leading to increased risk of accidents and malfunctions, and additional impacts on the environment). CanZinc did not provide enough information on specific areas susceptible to permafrost degradation. This creates uncertainty and an inability to develop appropriate mitigations.**

**26.** Amí tu gots'eh né edıhtl'éh met'ah eghálagenda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'I ke- ahsíi goglh?q la, edı godlı ek'élü k'ée eghálats'unda gedı, káondíh kqo, ezhíi gha met'ah tth'enı k'ét'aq adandihle. Azhíi megohthé agondéh la, tu, ndéh gok'eh t'ahsíi zhánizheh, gots'eh eghálaeda enagít'é énidé dáondíh t'ah k'ét'aq nezü anagogeléh gha, gots'eh godlı Tthenáágó gots'é?q ek'élü niq ezhíi chu geghóhhndih gha ( ezhíI kii nezü met'ah ek'élü k'ée satsó mehchíe k'ets'enezho gots'eh ndéh ts'eh k'eh chu met'ah ahsíi ghóhhndih gha). Ezhíi t'ah edı né zhíi eghálagídéh-ke CanZinc gohgedı kii godlı ek'élü k'ée tth'enı gulı,kii zhęts'eh k'eh gondı nezü kagıdhah le. Ezhíi mets'eh?q kii gogha ehsíi, ezhíi t'ah dúyé t'aq gondı goghaglah.

**27. Parties and the Review Board agree that permafrost monitoring and adaptive management is needed to mitigate likely significant adverse impacts related to permafrost degradation. The Review Board has built on CanZinc's commitments to set out measures that require CanZinc to 1) further investigate permafrost to inform road design and appropriate permafrost mitigations, and 2) create a Permafrost Management Plan that includes systematic permafrost monitoring and adaptive management.**

**27.** Amí gohéh eghálagídéh-ke gots'eh edı tu gots'eh né edıhtl'éh met'ah eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'I-ke, elehéh gondı kagl?q gots'eh kagedı, edı tth'enı k'éndah geghóhhndih gha gots'eh dáondíh t'ah zhék'eh eghálagenda chu metah dąatł'eh gha. Amí tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'I- ke la, edı né zhíi eghálagídéh-ke CanZinc gogedı la, go-gondı t'ah azhó ahsíi gúhdzaa gha, atł'aa CanZinc ahsíi líé la ) godlı ek'élü ɬatagege gha énidé, k'éndaa né zhíi tth'enı ghóhhndih gha gots'eh dáondíh t'ah zhehk'eh eghálagenda gha chu geghóhhndih gha, gots'eh edı ahsíi qki la) edıhtl'éh megháqdé eghálaeda keonahthı gots'eh azhíi metah dék'éninahtl'éh la,dáondíh t'ah tth'enı ghóhhndih gha gots'eh dáondíh t'ah mek'ée k'ëots'eah chu metah nınahtháh.

#### **Closure and Reclamation/Godaagechu gots'eh k'ée anagogeléh gha**

**28. The Review Board finds that CanZinc's significance predictions for many Project impacts will depend on whether or not the developer can reverse those impacts. More information should be collected about pre-disturbance conditions to use after closure to better understand whether impacts have been effectively reversed by reclamation activities. Some impacts, such as permafrost thaw, are likely irreversible. The magnitude of these effects needs to be considered in closure and reclamation planning prior to construction. Planning should account for parties' perspectives on future use of the Project area.**

**28.** Amí tu gots'eh né met'ah eghálaeda edıhtl'éh ts'eh k'eh gedéhtth'I-ke azhíi Can Zinc ts'eh k'eh goglh?q la, eghálaeda danéht'ę seq dagondéh gha gındı, kágondíh kqo, ezhíi ahsíi ghagenda t'ah dahseq amí eghálageda-ke k'et'aq anagogeléh gha sǫnqndı. K'éndaa gondı natsı, azhíi ghóh at'l' la, kii azhó enagít'é énidé dahseq naqdédéh t'ah golqah gogohthé

Agot'lı sǫqondı. Edı tth'enı ıtlaa la, dúyé k'ét'aq anats'eléh. Ezhíi ts'eh?q, dáondih t'ah godagechu gots'eh dáondih t'ah k'ęę anagogeléh gha chu, eghálagenda kehonidhıı godhęę ts'ę, azhö edıhtl'eh nezü nigıdhäh gha. Ahsíi menadáh sęegoaléh gha énidé, ɻndaa amíi ekuhzhęę aget'ı gha sǫqondı, ezhíi chu metah dék'énınahtl'eh.

**29. The Review Board is confident that the regulatory process will adequately address the closure and reclamation of the Project. It has made suggestions about CanZinc's Closure and Reclamation Plan. In combination with requirements of measures prescribed in other sections of this report (such as the Permafrost Management Plan and the Independent Technical Review Panel), the Review Board is satisfied that the Project will be adequately reclaimed after closure.**

29. Amíi tu gots'eh né edıhtl'eh met'ah eghálaçda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthıı-ke kaegenidhę, edı dáondih t'ah eghálagenda enagít'ę gots'eh dáondih t'ah k'ęę anagogeléh gha, káa gondı ghájde káodedhıı gha. Ezhíi né zhııh eghálagıdöh-ke Can Zinc gohgedı, káa dáondih t'ah eghálaçda enagít'ę gots'eh dáondih t'ah k'ęę anagogeléh gha, káa zhęghęhgogında. Ahsíi ełehéh edı gondıe metah thelá la ( dáondih t'ah tth'enı ghıhgıhndıı gha gots'eh amíi chu gonadáh kagogıdę) ezhíi amíi tu gots'eh né edıhtl'eh eghálaçda ts'eh k'eh gedéthıı-ke káa dáondih t'ah eghálagenda enagít'ę énidé nezü edék'ęę sęgogeléh gha, káa ghııh genidhę.

#### **Monitoring, reporting and adaptive management/**

K'éndah ahsíi ghıhgıhndıı gha gots'eh gondah kagedı gha gots'eh dáondih t'ah nezü ahsíi héh eghálats'enda chu metah daqtł'eh gha

**30. Adaptive management is a critical part of the Board's overall mitigation strategy described in the measures in this Report of EA. For the measures to be fully effective, monitoring and reporting are needed to:**

- verify that the measures are being carried out and evaluate their effectiveness;
- confirm that significant adverse impacts are not occurring;
- test EA predictions; and
- inform adaptive management.

30. Edı dáondih t'ah ahsíi héh nezü k'éogealı la, ezhíi meghájde amíi tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhtthıı-ke edı gondı ghájde nezü gogha gondı kagealı. Dáondih t'ah sęę nezü aget'ı gha, gots'eh ahsíi ghıhgıhndıı gha gots'eh gondı nagéhtıı, ezhíi la:

- sęę nezü zheqk'ęę eghálagenda gha gots'eh dáondih t'ah chu eghálagenda metah daqtł'eh gha go?q.
- azhíi kıı k'éndaa megohthę agondéh ghaıle chu metah nınahtl'eh
- ɻndaa ndéh ts'eh k'eh dágondéh gha chu metah goghandı
- gots'eh edıhtl'eh meghájde eghálaçda chu metah nınahtháh

**31. Additional community-based monitoring by Aboriginal groups is a form of Project oversight that could be a valuable part of monitoring.**

The Review Board has required adaptive management frameworks as part of several measures in this Report of EA and has, in Appendix B, set out essential components of these frameworks. The Board has also suggested that CanZinc use adaptive management principles in other applicable management plans and monitoring programs.

The Board has prescribed measures that require CanZinc to:

- ensure that its monitoring programs are good enough to reliably support the adaptive management frameworks and to monitor the effectiveness of all measures in this REA;
- support independent monitoring of the Project by Aboriginal groups; and
- annually report on how measures are being carried out and on the effectiveness of CanZinc's efforts to minimize impacts.

Another measure requires regulators to report on actions they take to implement measures.

**31. Kótah ts'eh dene chu kadúle godł eghálagenda k'é, gohéh eghálaçenda gots'eh gohéh ahsíi azhǫq ghøhgħīhdih.**

Amíi tu gots'eh né edjhtl'eh met'ah eghálaçda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtht'-ke la kagedl, edl meghājdé ndéh ts'eh k'eh eghálaçda edjhtl'eh, godł B dąqatl'eh la, met'ah dáondih t'ah eghálagenda chu metaħ dąqatl'eh għa. Amíi tu gots'eh né edjhtl'eh met'ah eghálaçda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtht'-ke, Can Zinc kagħohgedl, ezhíi edjhtl'eh meghāadé nezū k'ēots'eah gots'eh ndéh ts'eh k'eh ahsíi ghophahndih għa chu metaħ dek'éninaħt'l'eh.

Amíi tu gots'eh né ediħt'l'eh met'ah eghálaçda ts'eh k'eh gedéhtht'-ke, CanZinc kágħohgedl, azhíi k'ēżi k'ēo geah la:

- edl ndéh gots'eh tu ts'eh k'eh eghálaçda súi sęq̇ nezū agoqléh, ezhíi la azhíi k'ēżi eghálagenda gots'eh azhǫq né ts'eh k'eh nezū k'ēo geah għa.
- gots'eh dene amíi kui than ħażnejx eghálagenda chu gohéh eghálanda;
- Gots'eh qhk'ea éniddé dáondih t'ah CanZinc eghálagenda sőqndi gots'eh dahsęq ahsíi megħoħthex agondéh ch'á keogħiħndih sőqndi.

Dáondih t'ah eghálagenda ts'eh k'eh gots'iħdzáa la, amíi gohéh nezū agot' le éniddé, edédi chu kadúle edeġha sęgħoléh.

**Conclusion/Nodée gondie káet'qo**

**32. Considering the uncertainties that remain due to inadequate baseline information, insufficient Project design and unclear commitments, CanZinc has failed to meet the burden of proof necessary to convince the Review Board of the effectiveness of the developer's planned mitigations. In light of the sensitive setting where the Project is proposed, the Review Board has taken a precautionary approach in its deliberations.**

**Based on the evidence, the Review Board finds that the Project is likely to have significant adverse impacts on the environment, and has prescribed measures that will mitigate these impacts. These measures will also address any public concern related to these impacts.**

**32. Kii ehsíi aguht'é, ezhíi dáondíh t'ah la,kii gondı natsę kaet'qo le, gots'eh dáondíh t'ah kehogenihthi gha gots'eh kii ahzíi k'éé eghálagenda gha chu kii gogha ehsíi, ezhíi CanZinc kii edıhtı'eh nezü kagı?o le, mets'eh?o dáondíh t'ah amíi tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedéhth'ı-ke nezü gots'eh k'eh gondı kageah gha.Godı eghálaeda t'ah kehots'unıhthi gedı, ezhíi la dúyé mets'edeh, ezhíi la amíi tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedehth'ı-ke sęq hqotie t'ah gehqoh gondéh gha.**

Káa gondı tah goghágjnda goghágjde amíi tu gots'eh né ts'eh k'eh gedehth'ı-ke, azhíi gogıh?o la edı eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh káa ndéh k'eh ahsíi megohthé agondéh,gots'eh dáondíh t'ah eghálaeda megohthé agondéh gha. Edı azhíi k'éé k'éots'eah la, amíi kótah nagedéhchu gots'eh k'eh gots'endeh gha.

**33. Some of these measures include requirements to:**

- **create an Independent Technical Review Panel, to ensure that the road is designed to a standard that is highly protective of people and the environment;**
- **create a *Traffic Control Mitigation and Management Plan*;**
- **conduct systematic wildlife monitoring and adaptive management using Traditional Knowledge;**
- **prepare a *Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan*;**
- **collect baseline water flow data, to use for water crossing design;**
- **collect detailed baseline information, monitor effects and make an adaptive management framework for the Sundog Creek diversion;**
- **K'éndaa amíi dechıtah nagezéh síi, edı dene naqdhe gots'eh dáondíh t'ah ekuhzhęq eghálaeda k'é ahníh ts'ę ekuh zhęq nagıdę, gots'eh k'eh dene zhatie t'ah**
- **Sęqgopaléh.**
- **Gots'eh godı ít'ó ch'áot'é kánehzheh énídę,, ezhíi chu menadah ít'ó danęt'ę gohdhah?o síi megondié metah nínahdháh.**

- Gots'eh ek'élú k'eh eghálanda godhéh ts'é azhqo tth'enı tah goghanda gots'eh dáondih t'ah ekuhzhęę tth'enı tah eghálanda gha sǫondı.
- Gots'eh dáondih t'ah tth'enı ts'eh k'eh eghálanda gha gots'eh edı tth'enı ghoh ahndih ts'eh k'eh chu metah me-gondie nınahtháh gots'eh dáondih t'ah ahsí hék eghálagenda chu metah nınahtháh; gots'eh
- Amíi kótah ts'eh k'eh nahégha eghálaqenda síi, nezü gots'andı.
- further engage Traditional Knowledge holders about cultural and heritage resources in the Project area, and conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment incorporating this Traditional Knowledge;
- conduct a rare plant survey to form the basis of a *Rare Plant Management Plan*;
- conduct permafrost investigations to inform road design and appropriate permafrost mitigations;
- create a *Permafrost Management Plan* with systematic permafrost monitoring and adaptive management; and
- support independent community monitoring of the Project.

**33. Edı ahsíi daa azhíi metah thelá la:**

- amíi ek'élú k'ée eghálagenda-ke káondih k'eh gedehtth'I gha edęgha sęgoałéh, káondih
- Énidé ek'élú nezü gehtsı gha gots'eh met'ah nezü dene gots'eh ndéh ts'eh k'eh Ahsíi ghohgihndih gha.
- Edęgha dáondih t'ah satsó mechlıé ggehöhihndih ts'eh k'eh edıhtł'eh meghájdé Eghálaeda ahtsı.
- K'éndah dechıtah ts'eh k'eh golqah ghohgundih gha gots'eh dene zhatie t'ah eghálaeda
- Edıhtł'eh chu metah nınahdháh;
- Dechıtah ahsíi ghohsts'undih ts'eh k'eh gots'eh godı ndéh k'eh aget'ı chu gonadah Sęgoałéh.
- Godı dehá gáh nilı sıı tu natsı gots'eh metah goghanda, ezhíi la met'ah godı dehá gáh
- Nögethe, kadúle edı gondı nagéhtsı t'ah ek'élú géhtsı.
- azhqo sęę gondı met'áodęa zoh natsı, gots'eh sıı nezü agot'ı sǫondı chu, gots'eh ezhíi
- Meghájdé Sundog dehá, ekuhzhęę godı dehá nilılı gulı anaots'uléh gedı, káondih
- Énidé edı azhíi gondı nagéhtsı t'ah kadule sęęgogeléh.

**34. With these and other measures to reduce or avoid identified impacts, the Review Board has concluded that the Project may proceed to the regulatory phase for approvals. By addressing the significant adverse impacts in these and other ways, the Project will be improved, and meaningful actions will mitigate the significant impacts that would otherwise occur.**

34. Edı ahsí azhq tah goghagında gots'eh azhí megothhé agondéh gha gındı, ezhí t'ah amí tu gots'eh nę ts'eh k'eh gedehtth'lı-ke kagedlı, edı eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh da?qh k'éndaa geghqeda gha sǫnди. Ezhí t'ah azhí megothhé agondéh gha káa meghqoh gots'unde, ezhí tah káa jø ts'ę eghálaeda ts'eh k'eh ghqoh gedı gha, gots'eh ahsí megothhé agondéh ch'á kadúle menadah sęegots'eléh.