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**Re: Environmental Assessment of the Canadian Zinc Surface Drilling Phase III
Program – Request for Technical Reports**

Dear Mr. Haefele:

As part of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)'s obligations as a Responsible Minister for the above-noted development, INAC staff have reviewed available materials for this environmental assessment and have not identified any unresolved concerns with the proposed development from the department's perspective. We have no concerns with the approach to road use and re-alignment proposed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada in its Information Request Response of August 24, 2005.

For your information, I am attaching comments provided by INAC's South Mackenzie District to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) on May 14, 2004, during the preliminary screening of this development. These comments remain valid.

INAC looks forward to reviewing any technical reports that may be submitted by other parties to this environmental assessment. We will provide the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board with our views on matters in these reports that fall within INAC's mandate and areas of expertise.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine Seale by phone at 669-2590 or by email at sealel@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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