



April 9, 2017

Mr. Chuck Hubert
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Dear Mr. Hubert

**Re: EA1415-001, Prairie Creek Mine All Season Access Road
LKFN Request for Party Status and extension to file a technical report**

We refer to the April 3, 2017 request for party status from Liidlii Kue First Nation (LKFN) in order to formally participate in the environmental assessment proceedings for the Prairie Creek All Season Road Project, and for an extension to submit a technical report prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for April 26-28, 2017.

Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) has engaged with the LKFN extensively regarding the project, both before and during this environmental assessment (refer to our letter dated February 26, 2016, PR #163), and will endeavour to continue to do so as the environmental assessment reaches a conclusion and after the resulting decision.

This assessment was initiated on May 22, 2014. We note the following regarding party status and technical report timelines:

- On August 21, 2014 the Review Board issued a request for party status applications from interested participants.
- The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency sent a letter to LKFN dated November 16, 2016 in which LKFN were advised of the opportunities afforded by registering for party status, and provided an application form.
- The Board issued a notice of proceeding on January 9, 2017 advising that a technical report preparation meeting would be held on January 13, 2017, although the meeting was subsequently postponed.
- The Board issued another notice of proceeding on February 8, 2017 advising that the deadline for technical reports from parties was March 10, 2017.

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- A technical report preparation meeting was held on February 17, 2017 during which the Board advised that CZN's deadline to respond to party technical reports was April 7, 2017.

Regarding LKFN's requests, CZN is not taking a position on these. We are deferring to the Board to render a decision appropriate for the circumstances.

Yours truly,

CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION



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