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BY EMAIL

RE: Participation and status of federal departments in the Canadian Zinc (Prairie Creek) All Season Road and Airstrip Environmental Assessment ("EA") EA – 1415-01

With this letter, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's ("CanNor") Northern Projects Management Office ("NPMO"), as the coordinating agency for federal participation in the above noted EA, is pleased to provide a summary of federal departments' participation and status in the EA.

Federal departments have reviewed the final Terms of Reference for the development in the context of their respective mandates and responsibilities related to the project, including Aboriginal consultation responsibilities. NPMO will update this summary report should the status of any of these departments be changed as a result of project-specific changes or for any other reason.

Parks Canada Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is a responsible minister under the <i>Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act</i> (MVRMA)• Will be issuing a Water Licence under the Parks Act Sec. 41.1 (4) (within Nahanni National Park)• Will be issuing a Lands authorization (Lease, Licence of Occupation, Easement or a Land Use Permit) under the Parks Act Sec.41.1 (2) (3) (within Nahanni National Park) for a portion of the road• Is registered as a Party to the EA and will be involved in the EA process providing expertise relating to potential impact to Nahanni National Park Reserve
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As consolidated federal decision maker under the MVRMA, AANDC will be making the section 130 decision on behalf of federal Responsible Ministers

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is registered as a party to the EA, will provide specialist advice and will be involved in EA processes
Environment Canada (EC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is registered as a party to the EA, will provide specialist advice and will be involved in the EA process
Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be a responsible minister and regulatory authority under the MVRMA; May issue an Explosives Factory or Magazine Licence under the <i>Explosives Act</i>; Is registered as a party to the EA, will be involved in the EA process and will provide scientific expertise relating to permafrost.
Transport Canada (TC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will provide specialist advice to Responsible Ministers (under the MVRMA) as needed
Northern Projects Management Office (NPMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will coordinate the input of federal departments to the EA process and on related documents, but is not registered as a party to the EA . Is responsible for tracking Aboriginal consultation issues related to federal mandated responsibilities and will be closely monitoring EA process in this context.

Please contact Marie Adams (marie.adams@cannor.gc.ca) if you have any questions regarding the above summary.

Sincerely,



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