

## Government of Gouvernement des Northwest Territories Territoires du Nord-Ouest

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Mr. David Harpley Canadian Zinc Corporation SUITE 1710-650 WEST GEORGIA STREET P.O. BOX 11644 VANCOUVER BC V6B 4N9

Dear Mr. Harpley:

## Barge Landing & Staging Leases for the Prairie Creek All-Season Road

In follow-up to Canadian Zinc's (CZN) letter dated April 6, 2017 to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board, the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) notes that the lease diagrams attached to the letter represent conceptual drawings that must be refined based on the proposed uses and developments at the site. Further details on the improvements at this site including fences, gates, buildings, fuel tanks, transfer sites, etc. are not sufficiently defined at this time to determine the lease boundaries, uses, and design for the leases. We look forward to better understanding the details of the barge landing and staging lease sites once lease applications are submitted and lease negotiations commence.

In relation to access control, during the April 24-28, 2017 environmental assessment public hearings for the proposed Prairie Creek All-season Road (EA1415-01), CZN referenced a number of times that it intends to have Nahanni Butte Dene Band exercise access control on the surface leases on Territorial Land at the north shore of the Liard River. As stated in the past and to be clear, any land authorizations (leases/licences) for the all-season road project on Territorial Lands would be issued to CZN only, as the project proponent. CZN will then be ultimately responsible for all the obligations included therein, including access control.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Ms. Melissa Bard, Land Specialist Team Lead, at (867) 767-9185, extension 24115.

Sincerely,

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