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VIA EMAIL

Dear Ms. De Souza:

**Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA1415-01) – GNWT Key lines of questioning for the technical sessions June 13-16, 2016**

The Government of the Northwest Territories Department of Lands (GNWT) is writing to you in regards to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (MVEIRB) May 16, 2016 request for comments on the draft agenda for the technical sessions and the identification of major issues and key lines of questioning for the Prairie Creek All-Season Road.

In addition to the topics identified by MVEIRB in the draft technical sessions agenda, the GNWT would like MVEIRB to allow some time during the technical sessions to discuss the potential impacts of the Project on cultural sites, including archaeological sites, as well as topics related to the road including: road erosion, sedimentation of the creeks, road washout and maintenance, permafrost degradation, slumping, and water crossings (not only major crossings). The GNWT has identified a lack of pertinent information regarding these subjects. For example, in the first round of information requests, the GNWT requested (GNWT IR #1) that Canadian Zinc complete appropriate studies to determine the potential impacts of the project on archaeological sites. Canadian Zinc's response failed to fully address this request.

If MVEIRB or any of the parties to this EA have questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact Melissa Pink, Manager, Project Assessment Branch, at

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Sincerely,



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