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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Federal Comments on the draft Undertakings from the Canadian Zinc Corporation All Seasons Road Technical Sessions

Dear Mr. Hubert,

Further to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's request dated June 17, 2016, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency's Northern Projects Management Office is pleased to provide the attached comments on the draft undertakings list on behalf of federal parties to the above noted environmental assessment. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the draft document. The Government of Canada looks forward to continued participation in this review.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: (1) Federal Comments on Undertakings List

cc. Sachi De Souza, Environmental Assessment Officer



EA1415 Prairie Creek All Season Road Project Federal Comments on the Draft Undertakings from Technical Sessions June 13 – 16, 2016

Undertaking #8

"CanZinc, Parks, and ECCC (and possibly GNWT) will meet and report back regarding appropriate water monitoring approaches including: parameters (turbidity, pH, DO, and conductivity), frequency, sampling locations and application of an adaptive management approach"

Undertaking #15

"Parks Canada will provide a written description to CanZinc on its expectations regarding baseline wildlife data collection, effective long-term monitoring, considerations for protection of critical habitat, and adaptive management – and when this information is needed (i.e. during EA, permitting, prior to operations, etc)."

Undertaking #16

"CanZinc and Parks-will provide existing and known information on areas of sensitive wildlife and vegetation by road segment (including alternative segments and distinct borrow locations) in order to allow a risk assessment to account for these in terms of consequences from a spill. Parks Canada will provide any additional existing and known information to support this undertaking."

Undertaking #23

"CanZinc will clarify: i) the exact footprint (in square meters) of the channel that is being lost and potentially degraded by the road along the entire road alignment in the area of the sundog Creek realignment. Suggested addition from Parks Canada: ii) and the detailed methodology that was used to calculate these data. Description of the methodology should include aerial photography showing areas that were deemed to identify: i) areas lost and potentially degraded, ii) floodplain habitat, and iii) vegetated and non-vegetated areas within the floodplain of the entire road alignment of Sundog alignment."