



June 22, 2016

Mr. Chuck Hubert
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Dear Mr. Hubert

**RE: Environmental Assessment EA1415-001, Prairie Creek Mine
All Season Road, Undertakings from Technical Session**

This letter provides the comments of Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) on the draft Undertakings from the Technical Session. We are not commenting on Undertakings 26 and 44 at this stage as they are still under review.

For Undertaking 7, we propose the wording in brackets be “(including locations of blasting, guidelines and management)”, since the impacts of blasting was not the issue raised, rather it was a desire for more specifics on our plans.

For Undertaking 8, we agree with Board staff that this undertaking be changed to a commitment. We agree that an appropriate water management approach is required, and that it should inform adaptive management, however we believe the details are more appropriate for inclusion in the Road Construction and Management Plan, which we believe should be finalized as a condition of a Land Use Permit.

Regarding Undertaking 23, we do not agree with the proposed wording in the Government of Canada’s submission. The issue is the footprint of the road in proximity to, and including, the proposed creek realignment. Other than at water crossings, the road does not impinge in watercourses elsewhere, and as noted in the Reasons for Decision on Scope of EA, the Board will not be assessing km 0 to 37.4, other than alignment changes and water crossings. The road footprint at water crossings has been quantified, and will be included in discussions related to Undertaking 7. We propose that the wording of Undertaking 23 remain as indicated in the draft.

For Undertaking 32, we propose the deletion of “(signed by a qualified professional)”. CZN staff and consultants are all professionals. This would lead to a debate regarding who is qualified, and is unnecessary. The source of the reply should be left to the proponent.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 604 688 2001.

Yours truly,
CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Harpley".

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