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**Re: Request for party status from Liidii Kue First Nation (EA1415-01)**

Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips,

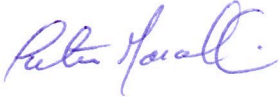
In response to the review Boards letter of April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, enclosing a copy of the Request For Party Status from the Liidii Kue First Nation (LKFN), the Chief, Counsel and Elders of The Nahanni Butte Dene First Nation are of the view that the late inclusion of the LKFN in these proceedings will only serve to delay and frustrate what has become a very lengthy and expensive process for both Canadian Zinc and the Nahanni Butte Dene and the community of Nahanni Butte.

We are further of the view that the reasons outlined by the LKFN in support of their application are without merit. As this proposed project falls squarely within the traditional Territory of the Nahanni Butte Dene, we find it most unusual that the LKFN are at this late stage suggesting that this project falls within their traditional territory. The LKFN had every opportunity to advance that position at various stages of these proceedings and did not do so, which brings into question their motives for advancing that claim (which is totally without merit) at this late stage. Any effects of this project are not likely to impact the people of the LKFN as their traditional use, if any has been minimal.

The community of Nahanni Butte and the NBDB has worked diligently over the last number of years both with the regulatory authorities and with Canadian Zinc to ensure that this proposed development will only proceed with adequate measures in place to protect and

safeguard our traditional Lands. The granting of Status to a new party to these proceedings and any submissions or information they chose to provide will only serve to undermine and frustrate the work and efforts that have gone into this process to date.

Mahsi Cho,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Marcellais". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chief Peter Marcellais