Mark Cliffe-Phillips
Executive Director
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
200 Scotia Centre – 5102 – 50th Ave
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

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Dear Mr. Cliffe-Phillips:

RE: EA1415-01 Liidlii Kue First Nation (LKFN) participation in Canadian Zinc Corporation's Prairie Creek All-Season Road Environmental Assessment

I am writing in response to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Board) request for comment on LKFN's application for party status in the Prairie Creek All-Season Road EA1415-01. The Government of Canada does not object to the Board granting party status to LKFN. As the Board knows, the Government of Canada will rely on the consultative process of the Board, as well as any engagement conducted by the Developer, as the primary means for discharging any potential consultation obligations.

If you have any questions please contact Adrian Paradis, Senior Project Manager (<u>Adrian.Paradis@cannor.gc.ca</u>), regarding the above.

Sincerely,

Matthew Spence

Director General

Northern Projects Management Office

Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency

cc. Liidlii Kue First Nation

Nahanni Butte Dene Band Canadian Zinc Corporation CZN Federal Working Group

