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Dear Mr. Harpley:

Wildlife Act Section 95(1) determination of the requirement for a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP) for the Prairie Creek All-Season Road

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) of the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has considered the potential impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat associated with Canadian Zinc Corporation's (Canadian Zinc) Prairie Creek All-Season Road, as presented in the submissions to the public registry of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board's (Review Board) environmental assessment (EA1415-01) of this proposed development.

The Minister of ENR has determined that, in accordance with the *Wildlife Act* and for the purposes of requiring a Wildlife Management and Monitoring Plan (WMMP), the Prairie Creek All-Season Road is likely to satisfy criteria (a), (b) and (c) of subsection 95(1) of the *Wildlife Act* which states:

"A developer or other person or body may be required, in accordance with the regulations, to prepare a wildlife management and monitoring plan for approval by the Minister, and to adhere to the approved plan, if the Minister is satisfied that a development, proposed development, or other activity is likely to

(a) result in a significant disturbance to big game or other prescribed wildlife;

(b) substantially alter, damage or destroy habitat;

(c) pose a threat of serious harm to wildlife or habitat; or

(d) significantly contribute to cumulative impacts on a large number of big game or other prescribed wildlife, or on habitat."

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In accordance with subsection 95(2) of the *Wildlife Act*, the WMMP must include:

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- (a) a description of potential disturbance to big game and other wildlife included in the regulations, potential harm to wildlife and potential impacts on habitat;*
- (b) a description of measures to be implemented for the mitigation of potential impacts;*
- (c) the process for monitoring impacts and assessing whether mitigative measures are effective; and*
- (d) other requirements that are outlined in the regulations.*

Please note that the Minister's determination that the development meets some of the criteria in subsection 95(1) of the *Wildlife Act* is distinct from the conclusion made by the GNWT in submissions to the Review Board that the Prairie Creek All-Season Road would not have significant adverse effects to wildlife and wildlife habitat, as that determination was based on the assumption that Canadian Zinc would have a WMMP in place and adhered-to.

Should the Prairie Creek All-Season Road project be approved to move to the regulatory process, ENR will contact Canadian Zinc to provide further details on the process for submission and approval of the WMMP.

Sincerely,



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