

INAC Closing Remarks

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada commends CanZinco Ltd. for its efforts to implement the approved *2004 Nanisivik Mine Final Closure and Reclamation Plan*. It appears that this Plan has been carried out and is nearly complete. This is a major undertaking that warrants recognition. Also, CanZinco Ltd. has been very accommodating to others by openly communicating its efforts to reclaim the Nanisivik Mine in a responsible manner and has demonstrated its willingness to consider the comments and recommendations made by interested parties, and water license terms and conditions, in the implementation of the project's reclamation and Post Closure / Closure Period Monitoring Programme.

As discussed in the submitted Technical Intervention Memorandum and presentation provided earlier today, there are certain points that INAC would like to have addressed in the amendment and renewal of the Nanisivik Mine's Type A Water License.

In summary,

- This water license should be renewed for five (5) years and have terms and conditions that reflect the mine's current reclamation status. The Monitoring Programme determined by the Board should be included in the water license. Clearly referencing all sampling locations, parameters, and frequencies, and reporting requirements;
- Post Closure / Closure Monitoring for both water quality and geotechnical conditions should be required for the full five (5) year term of the license and the results reviewed prior to any further renewal;

- Annual Reports should include the results of all water quality and geotechnical monitoring, along with discussions of observed trends and any proposed or recommended mitigation measures, if necessary;
- INAC recommends that a security of \$2 million be held with the Minister. This amount includes a 25% contingency and additional monitoring requirements;
- A comprehensive / all inclusive Contingency Plan should be provided to the Board for approval that identifies triggers and proposed contingency actions for further reclamation / mitigation measures based;
- Prior to any reclamation activities being carried out at the Fuel Tank Farm site, a Reclamation Plan must be submitted to the Board for approval. Once approved, CanZinco Ltd. should begin reclaiming the Fuel Tank Farm and the associated contaminated soil.

INAC will provide the Board with a written technical review memorandum specific to the Feb. 19/09 Jacques Whitford / Stantec letter to CanZinco Ltd., *Interventions on Water Licence Renewal Hearing - Water Quality Monitoring* by this Friday, February the 27th. Thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing this record to remain open and providing Indian and Northern Affairs Canada with an opportunity to provide a written response for the Board to take into consideration in its review of this water license amendment and renewal application.

I would like to say thank you to the people of Arctic Bay for their warm generosity. It is a pleasure to have met with you here today. Arctic Bay is a beautiful community. I am also appreciative of the efforts made by you, the Nunavut Water Board, and your staff, to responsibly carry-out this water license amendment and renewal application process.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask.

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