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**NWB File No: 1AR-NAN1419  
Renewal/Amendment Application**

November 28, 2019

To: Nanisivik Distribution List

**Subject: Closure of the Public Hearing Record in Respect of the Type “A” Water Licence No. 1AR-NAN1419 by Canzinc Mines Ltd. for the Nanisivik Mine Project**

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Dear Parties,

This correspondence provides advice and direction regarding next steps in the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) processing of the Type “A” Water Licence 1AR-NAN1419 Renewal/Amendment Application (Application) submitted by Canzinc Mines Ltd. (Canzinc or Applicant). The Application was received by the NWB on June 20, 2019. The Application seeks the renewal and amendment of the existing Type “A” Water Licence No. 1AR-NAN1419 to authorize the continued post-closure monitoring of water quality and geotechnical stability of the former Mining Undertaking<sup>1</sup>.

The Board’s direction reflects the Board’s receipt of written submissions from the Applicant on October 14, 2019, and from the Intervener: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) on November 19, 2019, outlining:

- All technical issues discussed during their review of the Application;
- Identifying technical issues that have been resolved amongst the parties during the Board’s review of the Application; and
- Providing information regarding terms and conditions that could be included, if the NWB recommends that a Type “A” Water Licence be granted as requested in the Application.

No additional information was received by November 27, 2019 that was previously set as the date for the closure of the written Public Hearing Record. On this basis, the Board has decided that all information required for the NWB to consider the Application has now been filed and the Board will consider the Application submitted by Canzinc and technical written submissions filed to date by CIRNA.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined under the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, SOR/2013-69, Schedule 1, Item 2, column 2 describes a Mining Undertaking to include “...the restoration of the site of a mine”.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and all materials filed with the Board to date will comprise the Hearing Record for the NWB's file in respect of the Canzinc's Application. Access to this information is available through the NWB's ftp site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/1%20INDUSTRIAL/1A/1AR%20-%20Remediation/1AR-NAN1419/2%20ADMIN/4%20HEARINGS/2%20HEARING/2019%20Amendment%20Renewal/>

The Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Hearing Record for the NWB's Public Hearing, conducted in writing, to consider the Canzinc's Application associated with the Nanisivik Mine is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board and the Public Hearing Record will consist solely of the documentation filed on or in advance of the closing date, November 27, 2019.

Now that the Public Hearing Record has closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course (typically within 30-45 days), issue a Decision Report to the Minister of Northern Affairs (Minister). In the Decision Report, the NWB will provide a recommendation to the Minister regarding whether or not to grant a Type "A" Water Licence as requested by the Applicant to renew the Water Licence No. 1AR-NAN1419. If the Board's decision is to recommend that a Type "A" Water Licence be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the Water Licence to the Decision Report for the review of the Minister.

Now that the Panel is engaged in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding the Application until the Board publicly issues the Panel's decision. In closing, the Board extends its thanks to the Applicant and CIRNA for their participation during the NWB's consideration of this Application, including providing the Board with technical review comments, identifying concerns and issues during the teleconference Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference and working together to address issues identified during the licensing process.

Regards,

**NUNAVUT WATER BOARD**

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