

## **2014 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report**

Former Nanisivik Mine Site, Nunavut



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## Executive Summary

This document presents a review of the 2014 water quality monitoring results for the Nanisivik Mine located on the Borden Peninsula of northern Baffin Island in Nunavut Territory. The monitoring program is being conducted as required under Nunavut Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914 and is intended to assess the overall performance of reclamation and closure activities. The effectiveness and adequacy of mine reclamation is to be demonstrated through monitoring key parameters at key sampling stations. Results for the Final Discharge Point (Station 159-4) are compared to the authorized criteria stated in the active Water Licence, while parameters at the remaining sampling stations are compared to their non-regulatory station-specific 95<sup>th</sup> percentile action levels (calculated from historical data) as indicated in the Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances, Former Nanisivik Mine Site, submitted to Breakwater Resources Ltd. in September, 2009.

During the 2014 monitoring season, water samples collected from Station 159-4 (the "Final Discharge Point") met the authorized criteria set out in the 2009 Water Licence. Concentrations of several key parameters have been declining since 2005, and since the issuance of the 2009 Water Licence, most key parameters observed (arsenic, cadmium, copper, nickel and total suspended solids) have remained near or below laboratory detection limits, which are typically one or more orders of magnitude below the limits stated in the Water Licence.

Elsewhere, trace metal, total suspended solids (TSS) and sulphate concentrations as well as pH were generally below or within their respective station-specific action levels, with one exception for zinc and one exception for sulphate. Zinc and sulphate concentrations above station-specific action levels were reported during the June 24, 2014 sampling event at Station NML-23 in Twin Lakes Creek. Additionally, petroleum hydrocarbons in concentrations marginally above the laboratory detection limits were detected in one of two samples collected at Station 159-6 during the June 24, 2014 sampling event. Subsequent samples collected at Station 159-6 exhibited non-detectable concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons. Petroleum hydrocarbons in concentrations slightly exceeding laboratory detection limits were also detected at Station NML-30 near the landfill during the last sampling event of the 2014 program. The presence of detectable hydrocarbons at Station NML-30 should be particularly examined at the start of the 2015 Water Quality Monitoring Program. Results for petroleum hydrocarbon monitoring at Station NML-30 should be scrutinized during 2015 to determine whether an investigation may be appropriate to determine the cause of this exceedance, should it be repeated.

This report is the final report to be submitted under Nunavut Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914, which has been replaced by a new Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN1419, covering the period December 23, 2014 to December 22, 2019. Results of the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program are consistent with and support the recommendations for future monitoring set forth in the addendum to the Final 2013 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report.

The statements made in this Executive Summary are subject to the same limitations included in Section 5.0 (Closing), and are to be read in conjunction with the remainder of this report.

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) is pleased to present CanZinco Ltd. with a review of the 2014 water quality monitoring data for the former Nanisivik Mine on the Borden Peninsula of northern Baffin Island in the Nunavut Territory. The monitoring program is being conducted as required under Nunavut Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914 (the Water Licence) and is intended to assess the overall performance of reclamation and closure activities. On March 31, 2014, the Water Licence for the former Nanisivik Mine site expired; the renewal process continued through 2014 and was completed with the issuance of a new water licence covering the period of December 23, 2014 to December 22, 2019, approved by the Nunavut Water Board and the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, January 29, 2015. For the purpose of the Water Quality Monitoring program through 2014, the conditions of the 2009 Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914 have been applied.

### 1.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The former Nanisivik Mine, herein referred to as the "Mine", is located in Nunavut on the Borden Peninsula, part of northern Baffin Island (Figure A-1, Appendix A). Specifically, the Mine is located on the southern shore of Strathcona Sound, approximately 33 kilometers by road from the nearest settlement, the hamlet of Arctic Bay. The Mine is located 750 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle at an approximate latitude of 73 degrees north. In 1998, CanZinco Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Breakwater Resources Ltd., took possession of the Mine, and operated it until 2002. Breakwater Resources was acquired by Nyrstar Canada (Holdings) Ltd. in 2011.

The Mine facilities, which are now decommissioned, consisted of an underground mine and a 2,200 tonnes per day concentrator that used conventional crushing, rod and ball mill grinding, differential lead and zinc flotation, and concentrate drying. Between 1976 and 2002, the underground facility extracted and shipped zinc and lead concentrates. Ore concentrates were shipped from a concentrate storage shed located adjacent to Strathcona Sound, where a deepwater wharf allowed ocean-going vessels to moor. Concentrates were transferred to ships using a ship-loader. Process tailings were transported to and deposited at the West Twin Disposal Area (WTDA), where resulting effluent was discharged into Twin Lakes Creek. The Mine was in full operation from its opening in 1976 until closure in September, 2002.

Reclamation activities began at Nanisivik in 2002. On July 30, 2006, Environment Canada approved Nanisivik as having achieved "recognized closed mine" status under the *Metal Mining Effluent Regulations* and therefore, mine effluent and environmental effects monitoring requirements under those regulations were no longer required. On October 1, 2008, reclamation of the site was completed and a post-closure monitoring period began. Water quality monitoring continued throughout 2014 under Nunavut Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914, issued by the Nunavut Water Board.

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### 1.3 SAMPLING LOCATIONS

The main sampling locations used historically for water quality monitoring near the Mine are described in Table 1.1 and are shown in Figure A-2 (Appendix A). During the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program, sampling continued at Station ELO, located upstream of NML-23 and added during the 2012 program to confirm that elevated sulphate concentrations originate from the watershed of East Twin Lake, and not from seepage proximal to NML-23.

**Table 1.1 Surface Water Quality Sampling Locations**

Group	Station	Distance Downstream of Headwaters (m)	Description
Twin Lakes Creek Watershed	ELO	0	Outflow of East Twin Lake upstream of NML-23
	NML-23	400	Outflow of East Twin Lake
	159-4B	700	Upstream of Final Tailings Discharge at 159-4
	159-4	750	Outflow from West Twin Disposal Area
	159-4A	800	Downstream of Final Tailings Discharge at 159-4
	159-9	1,750	Twin Lakes Creek stream crossing
	200-7	2,400	Twin Lakes Creek upstream of waste rock piles
	159-11	3,300	Twin Lakes Creek downstream of waste rock piles
	200-3	3,400	Twin Lakes Creek downstream of natural sulphide outcrop
	159-10	3,500	Twin Lakes Creek upstream of west townsite tributary
	159-6	7,250	Outlet of Twin Lakes Creek into Strathcona Sound
Chris Creek Watershed	159-15	100	Chris Creek upstream of Area 14
	159-16	1,000	Chris Creek downstream of Area 14
	159-14	2,600	Chris Creek downstream of K-Baseline
	159-13	3,100	Chris Creek downstream of East Adit
	159-17	4,200	Chris Creek outlet into Strathcona Sound
East Adit Treatment Facility	159-12	–	Discharge from East Adit Retention Pond
Oceanview Pit	159-18	–	Runoff from Oceanview Open Pit area
	159-19	–	Discharge from Oceanview Sump
Landfill Watershed	NML-30	75	Downstream of landfill – west drainage system
	NML-29	75	Downstream of landfill – east drainage system
<b>Note:</b> Sampling locations as detailed by Gartner Lee Ltd. (2004), with the exception of Station ELO implemented during the 2012 Water Quality Monitoring Program.			

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## 1.4 PREVIOUS WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMS

### 1.4.1 Water Licences

Since 1976, Nanisivik Mine has operated under four different Water Licences. The licences were issued by the Northwest Territories Water Board and the Nunavut Water Board, and are listed with their issuance dates as follows:

- Northwest Territories Water Licence N5L3-0159 – Northwest Territories Water Board (July, 1976; renewed in 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1991);
- Nunavut Water Licence NWB1NAN9702 – Nunavut Water Board (July, 1997; the original term of five years was extended until closure in September, 2002);
- Nunavut Water Licence NWB1NAN0208 – Nunavut Water Board (October, 2002 to May, 2008); and
- Nunavut Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914 – Nunavut Water Board (April, 2009 to present, expired March 31, 2014, see Appendix B).

A new water licence was approved by the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs on January 29, 2015. The conditions of Water Licence NWB1AR-NAN0914 remained in effect throughout the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program.

The Water Licence contains requirements for maximum authorized concentrations of various water quality parameters at final discharge points (Table 1 of the Water Licence, see Appendix B). As defined in the Water Licence, a final discharge point in respect of an effluent is "an identifiable discharge point of a mine beyond which the operator of the mine no longer exercises control over the quality of the effluent". Currently the only final discharge point for mine effluent at the Nanisivik Mine is Station 159-4, where effluent from the WTDA is released. Table 1.2 summarizes the effluent quality requirements for the final discharge point as listed in the Water Licence.



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**Table 1.2 Effluent Quality Requirements for Final Discharge Point, Station 159-4**

Substance	Maximum Authorized Monthly Mean Concentration	Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Composite Sample	Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Grab Sample
Total Arsenic (mg/L)	0.25	0.375	0.50
Total Copper (mg/L)	0.10	0.15	0.20
Total Lead (mg/L)	0.10	0.15	0.20
Total Nickel (mg/L)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Total Zinc (mg/L)	0.25	0.375	0.50
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	15.00	22.50	30.00
Total Radium 226 (Bq/L)	0.37	0.74	1.11
Total Cadmium (mg/L)	0.005	0.008	0.01
pH (units)	6.0 – 9.5		

Although radium-226 is listed as a regulated parameter for Monitoring Station 159-4 in Part F of the Water Licence, it is not included as a parameter to be measured in any of the water quality monitoring groups listed in Table I of Schedule I of the Water Licence and is therefore not included as a sampling parameter for Station 159-4.

As per the recommendations set forth in the Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances (Stantec 2009; included in Appendix C), data for the remaining stations are compared to station-specific 95<sup>th</sup> percentile values (non-regulatory values calculated from historical data) for each key parameter (see Table 1.3). When the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value is exceeded for any key parameter at the same monitoring station on two consecutive occasions, an investigation will be triggered to determine the cause of the exceedance. Action levels have not been identified for supporting parameters because they are of less concern from a toxicological perspective (e.g., major ion concentrations such as calcium and chloride), or because there is insufficient data to develop an estimate of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value. For pH, values have been compared to the acceptable range listed in the Water Licence limits for Station 159-4 (i.e., 6.0 to 9.5). Summary data tables and temporal trend graphs for selected parameters (i.e., total cadmium, total lead, total zinc, total sulphate, TSS and pH) are displayed in Appendix D and Appendix E respectively for Stations 159-4 (Twin Lakes Disposal Area), 159-6 (outlet of Twin Lakes Creek to Strathcona Sound), 159-10 (Twin Lakes Creek, upstream of the west town site tributary), NML-23 (Outflow from East Twin Lake), ELO (Outflow from East Twin Lake upstream of NML-23), 159-14 (Chris Creek, downstream of K-Baseline), 159-15 (Chris Creek, upstream from Area 14), 159-17 (Chris Creek, outlet into Strathcona Sound) and NML-30 (Downstream of landfill – west of drainage system). Consistent with previous monitoring programs, a table for Station NML-29 (Downstream of landfill – east of drainage system) is not presented in Appendix D and Appendix E as this station has generally been under no flow conditions.

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**Table 1.3 Non-Regulatory Station-Specific Action Levels for the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program**

Parameter	Station								
	159-6	159-10	NML-23	ELO	159-15	159-14	159-17	NML-30	NML-29
Total Cadmium (mg/L)	0.018	0.037	0.0058	0.0058	0.00085	0.0005	0.0012	0.000245	0.000245
Total Lead (mg/L)	0.063	0.14	0.046	0.046	0.00725	0.0022	0.028	0.0055	0.0055
Total Zinc (mg/L)	6.3	13	0.014	0.014	0.17	0.13	0.38	0.015	0.015
Total Sulphate (mg/L)	509	651	25	25	269	408	499	240	240
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	63	15	11	11	4	33	53	22	22
pH	6.0 – 9.5								
<b>Notes:</b> 1. NML-29 flow is intermittent and rare; action levels in case of flow are the same as NML-30. 2. Although it is recognized that Stations NML-23 and ELO are distinct stations, they share action levels due to their proximity.									

### 1.4.2 Recommended Water Quality Monitoring for Post-Closure Period, Nanisivik Mine

On May 30, 2008, Jacques Whitford submitted a letter report to Breakwater Resources Ltd. containing a review of the February 2004 Monitoring Plan and a review of the water quality data collected from 1996 to 2007. Based on the review, a revised Water Quality Monitoring Schedule was developed for a Post-Closure Period (2008 to 2014). The amended monitoring schedule subsequently issued in the 2009 Water Licence listed sampling locations, parameters to be sampled and sampling frequency as presented in Table 1.4. It should be noted that Station ELO was voluntarily added to this list during the 2012 Monitoring Program. Parameters to be measured as well as monitoring frequency at the newly added Station ELO were set to replicate those laid out for Station NML-23.

The recommended sampling locations for 2009 to 2014, were strategically identified as either background sampling locations, or in the immediate area of, or down gradient of former mine activities. Further it was expected that these locations, along with the suggested frequencies and parameters, would provide the required information to ensure the reclamation objectives are being met.

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**Table 1.4 Recommended Water Quality Monitoring Schedule for Post Closure Period, 2009 to 2014**

Water Quality Monitoring Stations 2009 to 2014				
Station Number	Station Description	Purpose	Parameters to be Measured	Monitoring Frequency
<b>Twin Lakes Creek Watershed</b>				
NML-23	Outflow from East Twin Lake	Upstream Control Station	Group 1	Bi-weekly
159-4	Outflow from West Twin Disposal Area	Final Discharge Point	Group 1 Group 4	Bi-weekly Twice Annually
159-10	Twin Lakes Creek upstream of West Townsite tributary	General Monitoring	Group 1	Bi-weekly
159-6	Outlet of Twin Lakes Creek into Strathcona Sound	General Monitoring	Group 1 Group 3 Group 4	Bi-weekly Bi-weekly Twice Annually
<b>Chris Creek Watershed</b>				
159-15	Chris Creek upstream of Area 14	Upstream Control Station	Group 1	Monthly
159-14	Chris Creek downstream of K-Baseline	K-Baseline Monitoring	Group 1	Monthly
159-17	Chris Creek Outlet into Strathcona Sound	General monitoring	Group 1 Group 4	Monthly Twice Annually
<b>Landfill Watershed</b>				
NML-29	Downstream of landfill – East Drainage System	Landfill Monitoring	Group 1 Group 2 Group 3	Monthly
NML-30	Downstream of landfill – West Drainage	Landfill Monitoring	Group 1 Group 2 Group 3	Monthly
<b>Notes:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring frequency applies during periods of flow.</li> <li>Group 1 includes: Metals analysis (total cadmium, total lead, total zinc); major cations (calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, ammonia, and the derived parameter hardness); major anions (chloride, sulphate, bicarbonate, carbonate, nitrate+nitrite, and the derived parameter alkalinity); TSS; and field parameters (specific conductivity, temperature and pH)</li> <li>Group 2 includes: Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)</li> <li>Group 3 includes: Oil and grease (Note: as TPH analysis is more sensitive, and as it provides quantitative results pertaining to hydrocarbons, it is proposed that analysis for oil and grease be replaced by TPH analysis in future sampling events)</li> <li>Group 4 includes: Trace metal scan</li> </ol>				

On September 30, 2013, Stantec submitted a technical memorandum to Nyrstar that provided a review of the Water Quality Monitoring Program from 2009-2012, in support of the water licence renewal. The technical memorandum included recommendations for continued water quality monitoring at three stations within the Twin Lakes Creek watershed, one station within the Chris Creek watershed and two locations within the Landfill watershed.

On May 2, 2014 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received CanZinco's application for renewal and amendment of the site's water licence. The Application received approval from the Nunavut Water Board on December 23, 2014 and approval from the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs on January 29, 2015. The new Water Licence (No. 1AR-NAN1419) will be implemented during the 2015 monitoring season.

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### 1.4.3 Summary and Follow-Up of the 2013 Water Quality Monitoring Program

The year 2013 represented the fifth sampling season of the Post Closure Monitoring at the Mine. Trace metal and TSS concentrations at the WTDA discharge location (*i.e.*, Station 159-4) were below the limits set forth in the 2009 Water Licence. The pH levels at this station were within the limits set forth in the 2009 Water Licence. Sulphate concentrations at the same location were below the station-specific action level based on the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of historical values which was set forth in the Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances (Stantec 2009). Trace metal concentrations at the WTDA discharge location were among the lowest on record, well below the limits set forth in the 2009 Water Licence, indicating that the WTDA is functioning as intended and that reclamation activities have been successful to date.

Within the Twin Lakes Creek watershed, Stations NML-23, 159-6 and 159-10 exhibited trace metals and sulphate concentrations below their respective station-specific action level as well as pH values within the action level range. Although TSS concentrations at Stations NML-23 and 159-10 were below the established action level, an exceedance for this parameter was encountered during one sampling event at Station 159-6 (June 25, 2013).

Elsewhere, trace metal, TSS and sulphate concentrations as well as pH were generally below or within their respective station-specific action levels, with the following two exceptions. TSS concentrations above the station-specific action levels were reported at Station 159-14 located in Chris Creek on June 24, 2013. As mentioned previously, higher than usual TSS concentrations were encountered throughout the area during the June 24-25, 2013 sampling event and appear to be related to runoff associated with early thaw. Additionally, one zinc concentration above the station-specific action level was reported during the July 23, 2013, sampling event at Station 159-14 located in Chris Creek. However, zinc concentrations encountered at this station are within the range of natural background levels recorded in Chris Creek prior to mine development.

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### 2.0 Review of 2014 Water Quality Data

Water samples were collected in 2014 from the Twin Lakes Creek watershed, Chris Creek watershed and Landfill watershed. A summary of the 2014 water quality monitoring results, along with the sampling frequency is presented in tabular format in Appendix D for the various watersheds noted above.

It should be noted, that samples collected in mid to late July 2014 were mislaid in transit between Arctic Bay, Nunavut, and Exova Laboratory in Ottawa, Ontario, and therefore no results are available for this period.

Only the data for Station 159–4 are compared to the effluent quality requirements for final discharge points (from the Water Licence), as only Station 159–4 is a final discharge point. Consistent with previous monitoring campaigns, concentrations measured at other sampling stations are compared to their non-regulatory station-specific action levels, presented in Table 1.3 and derived in the Contingency Plan included in Appendix C of this report.

As with previous monitoring programs water quality data are not compared to the CCME water quality guidelines for the protection of aquatic life. There are two main reasons why the CCME water quality guidelines are not considered to be relevant to the data collected at Nanisivik.

First, the Mine is located in an area where there are highly mineralized outcrops related to the mineral resources that originally attracted mining activity. The Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) Study Design report, prepared for CanZinco Ltd. by Jacques Whitford Environment Limited (dated January 27, 2004) provides a summary of the local geological conditions, and their effects on stream water quality. The mineralized outcrops extend from Oceanview in the east, where there was open pit mining of surface deposits, through the Chris Creek drainage to the East Adit area, where mining extended underground to the West Adit and main portal areas in the Twin Lakes Creek drainage, and by natural extension to the west side of the Twin Lakes Creek drainage towards the landfill and STOL airstrip. Twin Lakes Creek cuts through a large mineral outcrop between Stations 159–11 (upstream) and 200–3 (downstream). Additional satellite mineral deposits are located throughout the area, and some of these, such as Area 14 in the headwaters of Chris Creek, were also mined. The CCME guidelines acknowledge that natural background conditions for trace elements in various regions of Canada may exceed the guideline values, and that this should not be construed negatively. Background data collected before mining activities began in 1975 show that concentrations of iron, cadmium, lead and zinc in Chris Creek, Twin Lakes Creek, and in the vicinity of the East Adit were sporadically elevated throughout the area. Spikes in trace metal concentrations are still observed today in response to weather events (*i.e.*, periods of rain can cause spikes in metal concentrations as weathered salts are mobilized from mineral outcrops) or in response to natural erosional processes.

Second, the watercourses in the region, including Twin Lakes Creek, East Twin Lake, Chris Creek, and watercourses in proximity to the East Adit, Oceanview, and the landfill, are all naturally fishless, with a very sparse benthic invertebrate community, even in areas that have not been disturbed by mining. The barren characteristics of the aquatic ecosystems are discussed in the EEM Study Design report (Jacques Whitford Environment Limited 2004). The fishless condition of the streams is attributable to multiple factors including the naturally-occurring mineralized zones, the presence of waterfalls that are

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impassable to fish, and the general climatic conditions that cause the creeks to completely freeze during the winter months.

Therefore, the principal consideration when evaluating the water quality monitoring results, which will be a test of whether reclamation and closure activities have been successful, will be whether the conditions demonstrate that trace element concentrations are stable or declining, and at concentrations that are consistent with pre-mining levels. These trends have become apparent over the post-closure period (*i.e.*, between 2009 and 2014).

### 2.1 STATION 159-4 (FINAL DISCHARGE POINT)

The water quality data for Station 159-4 are presented in Table 2.1 for the parameters specified in the Water Licence. Raw data are provided in Table D1 (Appendix D), while temporal trends are provided on Figure E1 (Appendix E). The maximum authorized grab, composite, and monthly mean concentrations were not exceeded in any sample collected at the WTDA final discharge point (*i.e.*, Station 159-4) in 2014. Concentrations of key parameters observed (*i.e.*, arsenic, cadmium, copper, nickel and TSS) remained close to or below laboratory detection limits, which are typically one or more orders of magnitude below the Water Licence Limits. Measured pH values were within the acceptable range listed in the Water Licence limits for Station 159-4 (*i.e.*, 6.0 to 9.5). Sulphate concentrations ranged between 107 and 735 mg/L which is below the action level based on station-specific 95<sup>th</sup> percentile values of 1,471 mg/L.

**Table 2.1 Monthly Mean Concentrations of Water Licence Parameters at Station 159-4 in 2014**

Parameter	Authorized Licence Limit <sup>1</sup>	159-4			
		June	July	August	September
Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)	15	n/a	<2	<2	2
Total Arsenic (mg/L) <sup>2</sup>	0.25	n/a	<0.001	<0.001	---
Total Cadmium (mg/L)	0.0050	n/a	<0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
Total Copper (mg/L)	0.1	n/a	<0.001	<0.001	---
Total Lead (mg/L)	0.1	n/a	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Total Nickel (mg/L)	0.5	n/a	<0.005	<0.005	---
Total Zinc (mg/L)	0.25	n/a	0.01	0.09	0.08
<b>Notes:</b>					
<sup>1</sup> Authorized Licence Limit – Monthly Mean (most conservative).					
<sup>2</sup> Note that some parameters ( <i>e.g.</i> , arsenic) are only measured twice annually. As such, some months will have no data for such parameters.					
n/a The first water sample collected at Station 159-4 on July 9, 2014.					

### 2.2 TWIN LAKES CREEK WATERSHED (EXCLUDING STATION 159-4)

The upper reach of the Twin Lakes Creek watershed includes East Twin Lake (represented by Stations NML-23 and ELO) which was not disturbed by mining activities. Station 159-10 is located downstream of a major natural mineral outcrop that undergoes active erosion from the Twin Lakes Creek. The natural mineral outcrop is a feature of great importance to the chemistry of Twin Lakes Creek, as it can release acidity and heavy metals (particularly cadmium, lead and zinc) to the water as a result of weathering and erosion. Station 159-6 is located in Twin Lakes Creek, immediately upstream of its outlet into Strathcona Sound. Station 159-6 is also periodically influenced by metals released by the natural mineral outcrop. However, the baseline studies carried out before mining activities began

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indicate that pockets of mineralization can be found throughout the region, and that background concentrations of cadmium, lead and zinc in water were frequently found to be elevated (BC Research 1975). Baseline concentrations of cadmium (0.004 mg/L), lead (0.0016 mg/L) and zinc (15 mg/L) were measured near Station 159–6, at the mouth of Twin Lakes Creek in 1975 (BC Research 1975), however, these concentrations are inherently variable depending upon weather conditions.

Raw data from the 2014 monitoring program are presented in Tables D2-1 to D2-3, Appendix D, while temporal trends for selected parameters are provided on Figures E2 to E4 (Appendix E). A summary of the water quality observed in Twin Lakes Creek during 2014 follows.

- Cadmium concentrations were consistently below station-specific action levels. The maximum measured concentration of total cadmium was 0.0032 mg/L, recorded at Station 159–10 on September 4, 2014.
- Lead concentrations were consistently below station-specific action levels. The maximum measured concentration of total lead was 0.002 mg/L, recorded during two sampling events at Station 159–6 (June 24 and July 9, 2014) and once at Station 159-10 on September 4, 2014.
- Zinc concentrations were generally below station-specific action levels with one exception; water samples collected at Station NML-23 on June 24, 2014 exhibited a zinc concentration of 0.24 mg/L which is higher than the station-specific action level of 0.14 mg/L. Subsequent samplings at Station NML-23 indicated non-detectable concentrations of zinc. The maximum measured concentration of total zinc in Twin Lakes Creek watershed was 1.5 mg/L, recorded at Station 159–10 on September 4, 2014.
- Sulphate concentrations were generally below station-specific action level with one exception; water samples collected at Station NML-23 on June 24, 2014 exhibited a sulphate concentration of 28 mg/L, slightly higher than the station-specific action level of 25 mg/L. Subsequent samplings at Station NML-23 demonstrated sulphate concentrations below the station-specific action level. The highest sulphate concentration was 279 mg/L, recorded at Station 159-10 on September 4, 2014.
- TSS measurements were consistently below action levels. The TSS levels ranged from <2.0 mg/L to 2 mg/L, well below the station-specific action limits.
- pH values were within the recommended range of 6.0 to 9.5.
- Petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations at Station 159–6 remained below the laboratory detection limits on exception; the first of two water samples collected on June 24, 2014 demonstrated detectable F2 concentrations marginally above the detection limits, whereas the second samples exhibited petroleum hydrocarbons below detection limits. Subsequent sampling at Station 159-6 consistently demonstrated petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations below detection limits.

Correlation of measured parameter values between Stations NML-23 (East Twin Lake Outlet) and ELO (Upstream of NML-23) was generally good, with the exception of samples collected on June 24, 2014. Samples collected at these stations during the June 24, 2014 sampling event show markedly different trace metals concentrations and general chemistry parameters. For example, zinc and calcium concentrations at Station NML-23 are reported as 0.24 mg/L and 29 mg/L, respectively whereas at



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Stations ELO are reported as <0.01 mg/L and <1 mg/L, again respectively. Upon closer consideration, the overall water chemistry of the sample collected at ELO does not correspond to that expected from a freshwater sample, but rather is similar to that generally encountered from a blank sample. Concentrations of major elements (e.g., calcium, magnesium) as well as general chemistry parameters (e.g., conductivity, hardness) are frequently reported as less than the detection limit for this sample, which is not typical of freshwater samples or of water samples collected at Station NML-23 or at Station ELO during the current and past monitoring programs. Furthermore, this inconsistency appears to be limited to the June 24, 2014 sampling event as subsequent samples collected at Station NML-23 and at Station ELO demonstrate once again high correlation of measured parameters. As such, the sample collected at Station ELO during the June 24, 2014 is deemed suspect and an anomaly, potentially be related to a mislabeled blank sample, and is not considered further.

With the exception of samples collected on June 24, 2014, the generally high correlation of measured parameter values between Stations NML-23 and ELO (during the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Programs) supports the theory that seepage located slightly upstream of NML-23 appears to be inconsequential to water quality in Twin Lakes Creek. Additionally, investigation of inflows to East Twin Lake in 2011 revealed that concentrations of parameters at Station NML-23 appear to be within the range of concentrations observed for the East Twin Lake inflows. Inflows investigated all contribute to the chemical composition of East Twin Lake, although it is not currently possible to determine their relative contribution. Based on these observations, and available data, sulphate entering East Twin Lake may originate from an area that was used as a quarry source for shale during mine decommissioning. Mineralization is commonly found along the contact between shale and the underlying dolostone. Therefore, although the source is not known, it is possible that shale quarrying has resulted in minor disturbance of sulphide mineralization in or near the quarry.

### 2.3 CHRIS CREEK WATERSHED

Chris Creek extends approximately 5 km from its headwaters to its mouth at Strathcona Sound. There are mineralized outcrops throughout the watershed, including Area 14, K-Baseline, and parts of Oceanview, the East Open Pit, and the East Adit. BC Research measured concentrations of cadmium (0.028 mg/L), lead (0.02 mg/L) and zinc (15 mg/L) in Chris Creek prior to mining activities taking place. Trace metal concentrations within the Chris Creek watershed in 2014 were within the range of natural background levels recorded prior to the Mine development.

Raw data from the 2014 monitoring program are presented in Tables D3-1 to D3-3, Appendix D, while temporal trend are provided in Figures E5 to E7 (Appendix E). A summary of the water quality observed in the Chris Creek watershed during 2014 follows.

- Cadmium concentrations were consistently below station-specific action levels. The maximum concentration of total cadmium was 0.0003 mg/L, measured at Station 159-17 on August 6, 2014.
- Lead concentrations were consistently below station-specific action levels. The maximum concentration of total lead was 0.002 mg/L measured at Station 159-17 on August 6, 2014.
- Zinc concentrations were below station-specific action levels at all stations throughout 2014. The maximum total zinc concentration was 0.28 mg/L measured at Station 159-17 on August 6, 2014.



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- Sulphate concentrations were consistently below station-specific action levels at all Chris Creek watershed stations during the 2014 monitoring program. The maximum sulphate concentration in the Chris Creek watershed was recorded at Station 159-17 on August 6, 2014.
- TSS at Stations 159-14, 159-15 and 159-17 were consistently below detection limits and well below their action levels in 2014.
- pH levels recorded at these three stations fell within the preferred range of 6.0 to 9.5.

Exceedances were not encountered in 2014 within the Chris Creek watershed during the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program.

### 2.4 LANDFILL WATERSHED

The landfill is located west of Nanisivik, with primary drainage systems that flow intermittently to the east and west, monitored at Stations NML-29 and NML-30, respectively. The landfill has been decommissioned with thermal cover, and is becoming entombed in permafrost. In addition to metals, water quality monitoring at the landfill includes hydrocarbons.

Raw data from the 2014 monitoring program are presented in Table D4, Appendix D, while temporal trend graphs of selected parameters are provided in Appendix E (Figure E8). Results for 2014 are summarized below.

- No sampling was conducted at Station NML-29 during this period. Flow at this site has been intermittent throughout the post-closure period and no flow was recorded at station NML-29 during the 2014 program. Samples were collected from Station NML-30 from mid-June to early September 2014 when water flow was present.
- Cadmium concentrations at Station NML-30 were below the laboratory detection limit and below its station-specific action level.
- Lead concentrations at Station NML-30 were also below the laboratory detection limit and below its station-specific action level throughout the 2014 program.
- Zinc concentrations at Station NML-30 were generally below the detection limit and consistently below the station-specific action level.
- Sulphate concentrations at Station NML-30 were consistently below the station-specific action level for this station and ranged from 51 mg/L to 107 mg/L.
- TSS concentrations at Station NML-30 were below the laboratory detection throughout the 2014 program.
- The measured pH levels were within the acceptable range of 6.0 to 9.5.

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- Petroleum hydrocarbon fractions remained below laboratory detection limits throughout the 2014 program, with the exception of the last sampling event of the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program. Petroleum hydrocarbons were detected slightly above detection limits on September 4, 2014 at Station NML-30. This station should be examined carefully for the potential presence of sheens at the start of the 2015 Water Quality Monitoring Program. In the event that sheens are observed, or if analytical results subsequently indicate the presence of detectable hydrocarbon concentrations in surface water, an investigation should be initiated to determine the cause and potential significance of the observations.

### 2.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE / QUALITY CONTROL (QA/QC) DISCUSSION

The Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) sampling program consisted of the collection and analysis of several samples for quality assurance purposes. The QA/QC program permits the evaluation of the representativeness of the samples. Five field duplicate samples were collected at the Mine (Stations 159-6 and NML-30) and submitted for analysis of key parameters during the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program. Relative Percent Difference (RPD) of each duplicate parameter measured is provided in Table 2.3.

In general, the duplicate results agree closely with their corresponding samples and confirm the representativeness of sampling procedures. For most of the samples the relative percent difference (RPD) from the mean for individual parameters ranged between 0% and 5% for field duplicates. Four outliers with a RPD of greater than 30% were observed for various parameters when sample values were close to or at the laboratory detection limits. Higher RPDs are typically observed when analyte concentrations are very low (*i.e.*, close to their respective laboratory detection limit). There are no firm guidelines for the degree of correlation expected between duplicates due to the potential for natural heterogeneity within the sample, as well as potential contaminant distribution. However, the values noted above are considered to indicate an acceptable duplicate correlation. Individual parameters in the duplicates were classified the same (either above or below the respective action levels). The overall data quality is considered acceptable.

A detailed QA/QC plan outlining up-to-date sampling methods, field sampling personnel requirements, field documentation and record keeping requirements and guidelines for the labeling, packaging and shipping of samples has been included in Appendix C.

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Table 2.2 Results of QA/QC Samples and Associated Relative Percent Differences

Parameter	Station	TSS (mg/L)	Sulphate (mg/L)	Cadmium total (mg/L)	Lead total (mg/L)	Zinc total (mg/L)	Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) (mg/L)	Chloride (mg/L)	Ammonia (as nitrogen) (mg/L)	NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> as N (mg/L)	Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ) (mg/L)	HCO <sub>3</sub> as CaCO <sub>3</sub> (mg/L)	Calcium (mg/L)	Magnesium (mg/L)	Potassium (mg/L)	Sodium (mg/L)	F2 (C <sub>&gt;10</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> ) (mg/L)	F3 (C <sub>&gt;16</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> ) (mg/L)	F4 (C <sub>&lt;34</sub> -C <sub>50</sub> ) (mg/L)
Sampling Date	Reporting Limit	2	1	0.0001	0.001	0.01	5	1	0.02	0.10	1	1	1	1	1	2	0.1	0.2	0.2
159-6	24-Jun-14	<2	40	0.0005	0.002	0.25	50	3	0.1	<0.10	97	50	19	12	<1	<2	0.3	<0.2	<0.2
	24-Jun-14	<2	40	0.0005	0.002	0.25	50	3	0.08	<0.10	93	50	19	11	<1	<2	<0.1	<0.2	<0.2
	RPD%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.2	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	8.7	0.0	0.0	100	0.0	0.00
159-6	9-Jul-14	<2	11	0.0002	0.002	0.06	15	1	0.08	<0.10	27	15	6	3	<1	<2	<0.1	<0.2	<0.2
	9-Jul-14	2	11	0.0002	0.002	0.06	15	2	0.08	<0.10	31	15	6	4	<1	<2	<0.1	<0.2	<0.2
	RPD%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0	13.8	0.0	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
159-6	26-Aug-14	<2	81	0.0006	<0.001	0.31	34	3	0.1	0.19	126	34	24	16	1	<2	<0.020	<0.050	<0.050
	26-Aug-14	<2	81	0.0006	<0.001	0.32	33	3	0.1	0.18	126	33	24	16	1	<2	<0.020	0.05	0.13
	RPD%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	88.9
159-6	4-Sep-14	<2	249	0.0008	<0.001	0.5	55	6	0.1	0.56	335	55	65	42	2	2	<0.020	<0.050	0.14
	4-Sep-14	<2	241	0.0008	<0.001	0.5	67	6	0.12	0.56	335	67	65	42	2	2	<0.020	<0.050	<0.050
	RPD%	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.7	0.0	18.2	0.0	0.0	19.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	94.7
NML-30	9-Aug-14	<2	107	<0.0001	<0.001	<0.01	135	3	0.1	0.22	254	135	54	29	2	2	<0.1	<0.2	<0.2
	9-Aug-14	<2	107	<0.0001	<0.001	0.01	127	3	0.1	0.23	254	127	54	29	2	2	<0.1	<0.2	<0.2
	RPD%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	6.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Notes:</b> FD – Field Duplicate      N/A – Not Applicable      RPD – Relative Percent Difference Concentrations of parameters are reported in mg/L unless otherwise specified. Shaded cells represent RPD higher than 30%. Where concentrations were below the laboratory detection limit, the detection limit was used in the calculation of RPD.																			

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### 3.0 Discussion

The effectiveness and adequacy of mine reclamation will be evaluated through monitoring key parameters at key sampling stations subsequent to the completion of decommissioning in 2008. Concentrations of indicator substances should be stable or declining, and should be consistent with conditions that existed prior to mining activities (subject to the constraints that high baseline levels of sulphide mineralization with heavy metals impose on the site). As site reclamation activities were largely completed in 2008, 2014 represents the sixth monitoring season free of substantial anthropogenic disturbance of the surrounding landscape. It is expected that water quality will remain stable in the coming years. Temporal trends for key water quality parameters (*i.e.*, cadmium, lead, zinc, sulphate, TSS and pH) at selected sampling stations are shown in Figures E1 to E8 in Appendix E.

#### Twin Lakes Creek Watershed

Detectable levels of key parameters have been steadily declining and/or stabilizing, a trend that has continued throughout the 2014 monitoring program and are among the lowest on record at Station 159-4 (Figure E1), indicating that the Tailings Disposal Area is functioning as intended, and that reclamation at WTDA has been successful.

At Station 159-6 (Figure E2), located in Twin Lakes Creek near Strathcona Sound, concentrations of key parameters remained below or slightly above laboratory detection limits through the 2014 program. Key parameters such as cadmium, lead and zinc have been steadily declining since 2008. Petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations remained below detection limits in the Twin Lakes Creek watershed during the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Station 159-10 (Figure E3) is located in Twin Lakes Creek upstream of the west townsite tributary. Concentrations of key parameters appear to have stabilized in 2014 and all key parameters such as sulphate, TSS and pH remained below, or within, their respective action levels throughout the 2014 program.

At Stations NML-23 and ELO (Figure E4), concentrations of key water quality parameters remained below their respective action levels with one exception for zinc and one exception for sulphate. Zinc and sulphate concentrations above station-specific action levels were reported for the June 24, 2014 sampling event at Station NML-23. Subsequent sampling events at Station NML-23 indicated non-detectable concentrations of zinc and lowered concentrations of sulphate below their respective station-specific action level.

Overall, the measured concentrations of key parameters (Table 1.2) in the Twin Lakes Creek watershed were below the site-specific action levels and continued downward stabilizing trend.

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### Chris Creek Watershed

For the Chris Creek watershed, Stations 159–15 and 159–17 represent the headwaters and mouth of Chris Creek (Figures E5 and E7, respectively), while Station 159–14 (Figure E6) represents the area located just downstream of K–Baseline. There were no observed exceedances of key parameters measured during the 2014 program at any of the stations within the Chris Creek watershed.

### Landfill Watershed

Representing the Landfill watershed, Station NML–30 (Figure E8) has shown stable concentrations of most key parameters at or below their respective laboratory detection limits throughout 2009 to 2014. The single exception for the 2014 Water Quality Monitoring Program is a detection of petroleum hydrocarbons during the last sampling event. This observation should be further considered in the 2015 Water Quality Monitoring Program.

### Summary

Two main themes emerge from the six-year period of monitoring subsequent to the decommissioning of the Nanisivik mine site. Of greatest significance, the decommissioning appears to have achieved its objectives with respect to overall water quality. Key areas that were decommissioned, such as the WTDF and landfill have shown consistently good results since 2008.

Sampling stations lower in the Twin Lakes Creek drainage system (*i.e.*, 159–10 and 159–6) have also shown substantial improvement since decommissioning activities ceased. Station 159–6, however, will always be subject to upset conditions due to the unpredictable nature of weathering and erosion in the zone where the creek valley cuts through the natural mineral outcrop. Stations located within the Chris Creek drainage, where natural mineralization exists at or close to the ground surface, likewise appear to be producing results that are consistent with conditions that prevailed before mining occurred.

The decommissioned facilities overall are behaving as expected, and have done so throughout the period of monitoring. Minor variations in water quality are likely driven by regional weather patterns. Years that are characterized by warm, wet summers appear to produce results that reflect deeper seasonal melting of shallow permafrost (with occasional exceedances of non-regulatory water quality target concentrations), whereas cooler years (including 2014) when the depth of thawing would be shallower show fewer such exceedances. On this basis, the results obtained since 2008 show a range of results that reflect regional weather trends over the period, and can be considered indicative of likely future performance.

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### 4.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

The year 2014 represents the sixth sampling season of the Post Closure Monitoring at the Mine. Trace metal and TSS concentrations at the WTDA discharge location (*i.e.*, Station 159-4) were below the limits set forth in the 2009 Water Licence. The pH levels at this station were within the limits set forth in the 2009 Water Licence. Sulphate concentrations at the same location were below the action level based on the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of historical values which was set forth in the Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances (Stantec 2009). Trace metal concentrations at the WTDA discharge location are among the lowest on record, well below the limits set forth in the 2009 Water Licence, indicating that the WTDA is functioning as intended and that reclamation activities have been successful to date.

Within the Twin Lakes Creek watershed, Stations NML-23, 159-6 and 159-10 exhibited trace metals and sulphate concentrations below their respective station-specific action level as well as pH values within the action level range with only two recorded exceedances for these parameters during the 2014 program. Zinc and sulphate concentrations above station-specific action levels were reported for the June 24, 2014 sampling event at Station NML-23. Subsequent sampling events at Station NML-23 indicated non-detectable concentrations of zinc and lowered concentrations of sulphate below their respective station-specific action level. Additionally, petroleum hydrocarbons in concentrations slightly above the laboratory detection limits were detected in one of two samples collected at Station 159-6 during the June 24, 2014 sampling event. Subsequent samples collected at Station 159-6 exhibited non-detectable concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons.

Elsewhere, trace metal, TSS and sulphate concentrations as well as pH were below or within their respective station-specific action levels. For petroleum hydrocarbons, detections at concentrations marginally exceeding laboratory detection limits were encountered at Station NML-30 near the landfill during the last sampling event of the 2014 program. The presence of detectable hydrocarbons at Station NML-30 should be particularly examined at the start of the 2015 Water Quality Monitoring Program. If confirmed during the first sampling event of the 2015 monitoring season, an investigation should be initiated to determine the cause and potential significance of the exceedance.

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### 5.0 Closing

This report has been prepared for the sole benefit of CanZinco Ltd., as a subsidiary of the Nyrstar group of companies (Nyrstar). The report may not be used by any other person or entity, other than for its intended purposes, without the consent of Nyrstar and Stantec Consulting Ltd.

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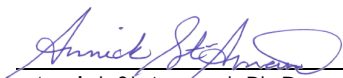
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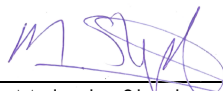
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## **Appendix A Drawings**

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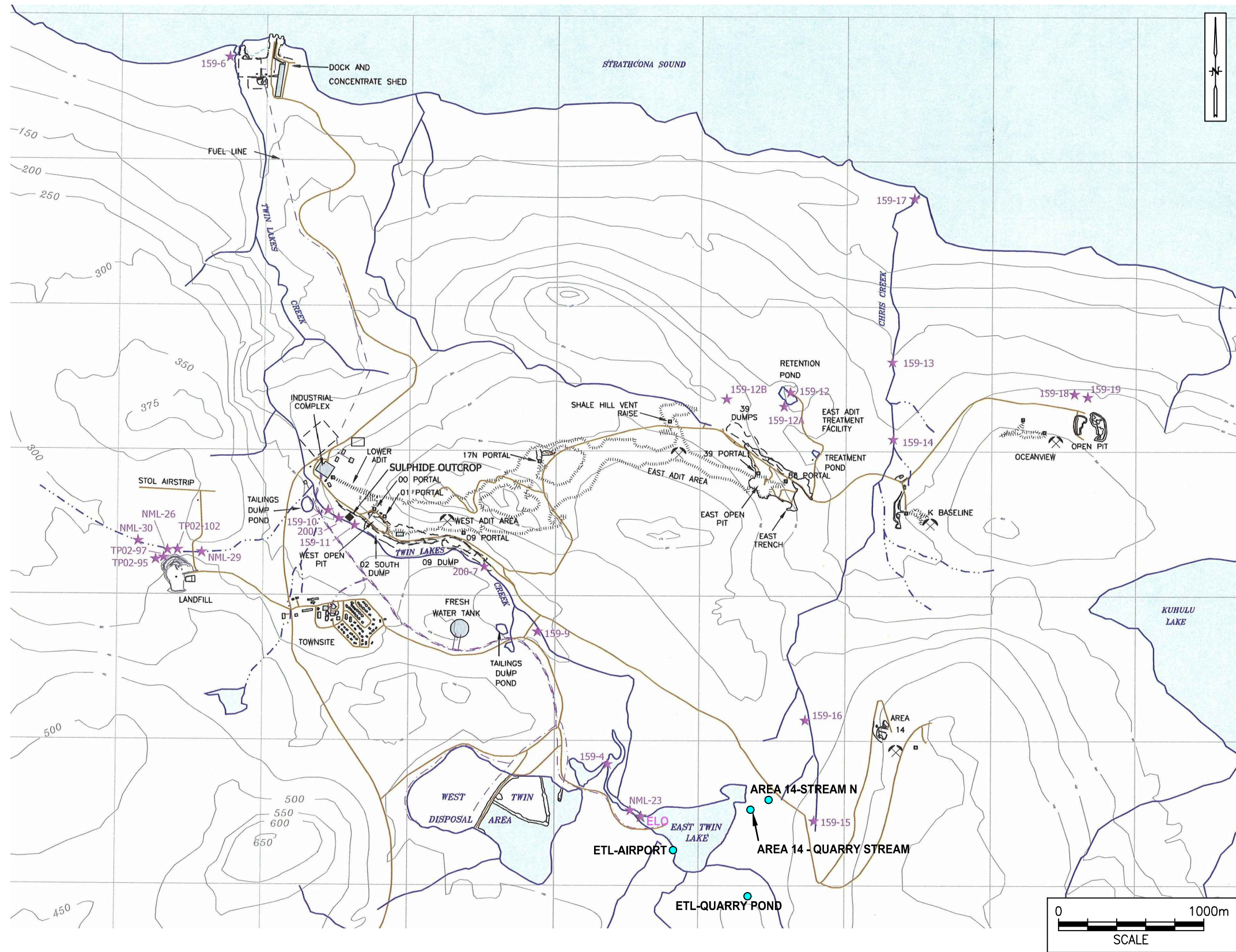
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- LEGEND:
- ROAD
  - GROUND CONTOUR (50 m INTERVAL)
  - SHORELINE, DRAINAGE, STREAMS
  - INTERMITTENT DRAINAGE
  - HIGH TIDE LINE - SURVEYED
  - TOP OF BANK
  - PIPELINE
  - EXTENT OF UNDERGROUND WORKINGS
  - MINING AREA
  - ADIT, RAISE
  - NML-16 WATER SAMPLING LOCATION

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### **Appendix B Nunavut Water Licence NWB1AR – NAN0914**



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## NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

### WATER LICENCE

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hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water or dispose of waste for a period subject to restrictions and conditions contained within this Licence:

Licence Number/Type:	1AR-NAN0914 Type "A"
Water Management Area:	NUNAVUT 05
Location:	NANISIVIK MINE QIKIQTANI REGION, NUNAVUT
Classification:	INDUSTRIAL
Purpose:	RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE ACTIVITIES AND POST CLOSURE MONITORING
Quantity of Water use not to Exceed:	ONE HUNDRED (100) CUBIC METRES PER DAY
Date of Licence Issuance:	APRIL 1, 2009
Expiry of Licence:	MARCH 31, 2014

This Licence, issued and recorded at Iqaluit, Nunavut, includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

Thomas Kabloona,  
Nunavut Water Board  
Chair

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Northern Affairs Canada

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## **PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **1. SCOPE**

- a. This Licence authorizes CanZinco Ltd. ("Licensee") to conduct closure and reclamation activities and post-closure monitoring, associated with the Industrial undertakings at the Nanisivik Mine in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut, (73°02' N, 84°32' W) as follows:

Post-closure monitoring commencing in 2009 and continuing for a period of five years unless otherwise approved by the Board, including;

- i. Water quality monitoring;
  - ii. Geotechnical monitoring;
  - iii. Inspection and maintenance of engineered structures and earthworks;
  - iv. Closure and reclamation of the Fuel Tank Farm and associated hydrocarbon contaminated soils; and
  - v. Completion of any further reclamation and closure activities approved by the Board in writing.
- b. This Licence is issued subject to conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of Water and the depositing of Waste of any type in any Waters or in any place under any conditions where such Waste or any other Waste that results from the deposits of such Waste may enter any Waters. Whenever new Regulations are made or existing Regulations are amended by the Governor in Council under the Act, or other statutes imposing more stringent conditions relating to the quantity, type or manner under which any such Waste may be so deposited, this Licence shall be deemed to be subject to such requirements.
- c. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with all applicable legislation, guidelines and directives.

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

The Licensee shall refer to Schedule A for definitions of terms used in this Licence.

### **3. ENFORCEMENT**

- a. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the Act, subjecting the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the Act.
- b. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the Act.



- c. For the purpose of enforcing this Licence and with respect to the use of Water and Deposit or Discharge of Waste by the Licensee, Inspectors appointed under the Act, hold all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the Act or by other applicable law.

**PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The amount of Water use fees shall be determined in accordance with section 9(b) of the *Regulations*.
2. Payment of fees shall be made in accordance with section 9(6)(b) of the *Regulations*.
3. The Licensee shall file an Annual Report with the Board no later than March 31 in the year following the calendar year being reported. The Annual Report shall be developed in accordance with Schedule B.
4. Compliance dates specified in the Licence may be modified at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.
5. The Licensee shall ensure a copy of this Licence, all records, books of account, or other documents are maintained at any place in Canada for a period of not less than five years from the effective date of this licence.
6. Any communication with respect to this Licence shall be made in writing to the attention of:  

Manager of Licensing  
Nunavut Water Board  
P. O. Box 119  
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0  
Telephone: (867) 360-6338  
Fax: (867) 360-6369  
Email: [licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org)
7. Any notice made to an Inspector shall be made in writing to the attention of:  

Water Resources Officer  
Nunavut District, Nunavut Region  
P.O. Box 100  
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0  
Telephone: (867) 975-4295  
Fax: (867) 979-6445
8. The Licensee shall submit one (1) paper copy and one (1) electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board or as otherwise requested by the Board. Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include an executive summary in English and

Inuktitut.

9. The Licensee shall ensure that any document(s) or correspondence submitted by the Licensee to the Board is received by the Manager of Licensing.
10. The Licensee shall install and maintain signs that identify Water Supply Facilities, and Waste Disposal Facilities. The signs shall be posted in English and Inuktitut.
11. The Licensee shall, for all plans submitted under this Licence, include a proposed timetable for implementation. Plans submitted cannot be undertaken without subsequent written Board approval and direction. The Board may alter or modify a plan if necessary to achieve the legislative objectives and will notify the Licensee in writing of acceptance, rejection or alteration of the plan.
12. In the event that a plan is not found acceptable to the Board, the Licensee shall provide a revised version to the Board for review within thirty (30) days of notification by the Board.
13. Every plan to be carried out pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Licence shall, once approved become a part of this Licence, and any additional terms and conditions imposed upon approval of a plan by the Board become part of this Licence. All terms and conditions of the Licence shall be contemplated in the development of a plan where appropriate.
14. The Licensee shall review the plans and manuals referred to in this Licence as required by changes in operation, site conditions, monitoring and/or technology and modify the plans and manuals to reflect these changes. Revisions to plans and manuals are to be submitted as an Addendum with the Annual Report required in Part B, Item 3, and include a complete list of revisions detailing where significant content changes have been made.
15. Licence is assignable as provided in section 44 of the Act.
16. The expiry or cancellation of this Licence does not relieve the Licensee from any obligation imposed by the Licence as provided in section 45 of the Act.

#### **PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SECURITY**

1. The Licensee shall furnish and maintain security with the Minister, in the amount of \$2.0 million dollars, in the form that is satisfactory to the Minister.
2. The Licensee shall furnish and maintain such further or other amounts as may be required by the Board, based on updated annual estimates of current mine reclamation liability.
3. The Licensee may submit to the Board for approval in writing, a request for a reduction to the amount of security. The submission shall include supporting evidence to justify the request.
4. Subject to Part C, Item 2 and Part C, Item 3, the security referred to in Part C, Item 1 shall

be maintained until such time as it is fully or in part refunded by the Minister pursuant to sub section 76(5) of the Act. This clause shall survive the expiry of this Licence or renewals thereof and until full and final reclamation has been completed to the satisfaction of the Minister.

**PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO CONSTRUCTION**

1. The Licensee shall prevent any chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the undertaking from entering any water body.
2. The Licensee shall minimize disturbance to terrain, permafrost and drainage during movement of contractor's equipment and personnel around the site during construction activities.
3. The Licensee shall not store material on the surface of frozen streams or lakes except what is for immediate use.
4. The Licensee shall locate equipment storage areas on gravel, sand or other durable land, a distance of at least thirty (30) metres above the ordinary high water mark of any water body in order to minimize impacts on surface drainage and water quality.
5. The Licensee shall undertake necessary corrective measures to mitigate impacts on surface drainage resulting from the Licensee's activities.
6. The Licensee shall limit any in-stream activity to low water periods. In-stream activity is prohibited during periods when fish migration may be expected.
7. Prior to the construction of any dams, dykes or structures intended to contain, withhold, divert or retain Water or Wastes, final design and construction drawings signed and stamped by an Engineer shall be submitted to the Board, for approval in writing.
8. The construction of engineered earthworks shall be supervised and field checked by a qualified Engineer. Construction records shall be maintained and made available at the request of the Board.
9. The Licensee shall submit a Construction Summary Report, to the Board for review, within ninety (90) days following completion of all new structures designed to contain, withhold divert or retain Water or Wastes. The Report shall be prepared by a qualified Engineer(s) in accordance with Schedule D, Item 1.
10. The Licensee shall use fill material for construction from an approved source, which has been demonstrated not to produce Acid Rock Drainage and to be non-Metal Leaching.
11. The Licensee shall implement sediment and erosion control measures prior to and during Construction and Operations where necessary, to prevent entry of sediment into Water.

12. The Licensee shall inspect daily all construction activities for signs of erosion.
13. The Licensee shall minimize disturbance to terrain, permafrost and drainage during movement of the Licensee's and its contractor's equipment and personnel around the site during construction activities.

**PART E: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE AND MANAGEMENT**

1. The Licensee shall obtain all fresh Water for domestic use from East Twin Lake, and Water use for the purposes of mitigation may be obtained from East Twin Lake, West Twin Creek and/or Chris Creek, or as otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
2. The total volume of fresh Water for all uses shall not exceed one-hundred (100) cubic metres per day.
3. The Licensee shall equip all Water intake hoses with a screen of an appropriate mesh size to ensure that fish are not entrained and shall withdraw Water at a rate such that fish do not become impinged on the screen.
4. Streams cannot be used as a water source unless authorized and approved by the Board in advance in writing.
5. If the Licensee requires water in sufficient volume that the source water body may be drawn down the Licensee shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to commencement of use of water, submit to the Board for approval in writing, the following: volume required, hydrological overview of the water body, details of impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.
6. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any water body unless authorized.
7. The Licensee shall implement measures to prevent the generation and deposition of dust and/or sediment into Water arising from road use.

**PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT**

1. Effluent being discharged from the West Twin Disposal Area at monitoring station 159-4 shall be directed to Twin Lakes Creek and not exceed the following Effluent quality limits:

Substance	Monthly Mean	Composite Sample	Grab Sample
	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)
Total Arsenic (As)	0.25	0.375	0.50

Substance	Monthly Mean	Composite Sample	Grab Sample
	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)
Total Copper (Cu)	0.10	0.15	0.20
Total Lead (Pb)	0.10	0.15	0.20
Total Nickel (Ni)	0.50	0.75	1.00
Total Zinc (Zn)	0.25	0.375	0.50
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	15.00	22.50	30.00
Total Radium 226 ( <sup>226</sup> Ra)	0.37 Bq/L	0.74 Bq/L	1.11 Bq/L
Total Cadmium (Cd)	0.005	0.008	0.01
pH	6.0-9.5		

2. Where a visible sheen of Oil and Grease has been observed under Part I, Item 2, the Maximum Authorized Concentration in a Grab Sample shall not exceed 30 mg/L.
3. The Licensee shall remove from the project site, all hazardous Wastes generated through the course of the undertaking, for disposal at an approved hazardous waste disposal facility.
4. The Licensee shall maintain records of all Waste backhauled.

#### **PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MODIFICATIONS**

1. The Licensee may, without written consent from the Board, carry out Modifications provided that such Modifications are consistent with the terms of this Licence and the following requirements are met:
  - a. The Licensee has notified the Board in writing of such proposed Modifications at least sixty (60) days prior to beginning the Modifications to include requirements of Part G, Item 3;
  - b. Such Modifications do not place the Licensee in contravention of the Licence or the Act;
  - c. Such Modifications are consistent with the NIRB Screening Decision;
  - d. The Board has not, within sixty (60) days following notification of the proposed Modifications, informed the Licensee that review of the proposal will require more than sixty (60) days; and
  - e. The Board has not rejected the proposed Modifications.
2. Modifications for which any of the conditions referred to in Part G, Item 1 have not been met can be carried out only upon approval from the Board in writing.
3. Applications for modifications shall contain:

- a. A description of the facilities and/or works to be constructed;
  - b. The proposed location of the structure(s);
  - c. Identification of any potential impacts to the receiving environment;
  - d. A description of any monitoring required, including sampling locations, parameters measured and frequencies of sampling;
  - e. Schedule for construction;
  - f. Drawings of engineered structures stamped by a Professional Engineer; and
  - g. Proposed sediment and erosion control measures.
4. The Licensee shall provide as-built plans and drawings of the Modifications referred to in this Licence within ninety (90) days of completion of the Modification. These plans and drawings shall be stamped by an Engineer.

**PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

1. The Licensee shall prevent any chemicals, petroleum products or unauthorized Wastes associated with the project from entering Water.
2. The Licensee shall provide secondary containment for fuel and chemical storage as required by applicable standards and acceptable industry practice.
3. The Licensee shall prevent any chemicals, petroleum products or Wastes associated with the project from entering into Water.
4. All sumps and fuel caches shall be located at a distance of at least thirty (30) metres from the ordinary high water mark of any adjacent water body and inspected on a regular basis.
5. Licensee shall ensure that any equipment maintenance and servicing be conducted only in designated areas and shall implement special procedures (such as the use of drip pans) to manage motor fluids and other waste and contain potential spills.
6. If, during the period of this Licence, an unauthorized Discharge of Waste and or Effluent occurs, or if such Discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
  - a. Employ as required, Emergency Response and Spill Contingency measures;
  - b. Report the incident immediately via the 24-Hour Spill Reporting Line (867) 920-8130 and to the Inspector at (867) 975-4295; and
  - c. For each discharge occurrence, submit a detailed report to the Inspector, no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event, which includes the reference spill report number and a summary of information provided during initial reporting, the final estimated amount and type of spilled product, the GPS location of the spill, and the measures taken to contain, clean up and restore the spill site.

**PART I: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM**

1. The Licensee shall undertake the Monitoring Program as provided in Tables 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule I.
2. If a visible sheen of Oil and Grease is present upon inspection at all sampling locations, during each sampling date, the Licensee shall obtain additional samples to be analysed for Oil and Grease to comply with Part F, Item 2.
3. The Licensee shall confirm the locations and GPS coordinates for all monitoring stations referred to in Schedule I with an Inspector.
4. The Licensee shall install and maintain signs that identify the monitoring stations. The signs shall be posted in English and Inuktitut.
5. The Licensee shall undertake a geotechnical inspection, to be carried out annually by a Geotechnical Engineer, during the months of July, August or September and reported as set out in Part I, Item 6. The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with the *Canadian Dam Safety Guidelines*, where applicable and be consistent with the “2008 Annual Geotechnical Inspection” (BGC Engineering Inc., January 30, 2009), taking into account all major earthworks and any changes to the project.
6. The Licensee shall submit to the Board, within the Annual Report required by Part B, Item 3, a report of the Geotechnical Engineer’s Inspection carried out under Part I, Item 5. The Report shall include a cover letter from the Licensee, outlining an implementation plan to address the recommendations of the Geotechnical Engineer.
7. The Licensee shall submit to the Board, within the Annual Report required by Part B, Item 3, a detailed “Annual Water Quality Review” which includes, analysis of results and comparison to regulatory standards, approved plans, and demonstration of stability for termination of post-closure monitoring program where merited.
8. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval in writing, within three (3) months of issuance of the Licence, a “Comprehensive Contingency Plan” to include:
  - a. Consolidation of contingency measures as provided in the Appendices to the 2004 Reclamation Plan and Closure Plan(s);
  - b. Levels established and the methodology used in the establishment of contingency levels for water quality monitoring parameters and the geotechnical monitoring program, must be established whereby defined abatement and mitigation actions would be undertaken for any exceedance of such levels or criteria, taking into account historical background conditions;
  - c. Mitigation and monitoring that addresses any environmental issues that may develop during reclamation of the Main Fuel Tank Farm; and
  - d. Reporting requirements.

9. All sampling, sample preservation and analyses shall be conducted in accordance with the methods prescribed in the current edition of “*Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*” or by other such methods approved by an Analyst.
10. All analyses shall be performed in an accredited laboratory according to ISO/IEC Standard 17025. The accreditation shall be current and in good standing.
11. The Licensee shall submit a revised “Quality Assurance/ Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan”. The QA/QC Plan shall be modified to include up to date sampling methods to all applicable standards, acceptable to an accredited laboratory as required by Part I, Item 9 and Part I, Item 10. The Plan shall include a covering letter from the accredited laboratory confirming acceptance of the Plan for analyses to be performed under this Licence.
12. The Monitoring Program may be modified, without a public hearing, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer. Requests for changes to the Program must be forwarded to the NWB in writing and include a comprehensive trend and comparative analysis to previously collected data, including background monitoring data for all sample parameters and locations, and provide a rationale acceptable to the NWB to support the request.

**PART J:        CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT, RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE**

1. The Licensee shall continue to implement the Nanisivik Mine 2004 Reclamation Plan and Closure Plan as approved by the Board on July 6, 2004 including the monitoring requirements to confirm objectives, or as subsequently revised to incorporate design changes and adaptive engineering required and implemented during Construction and on the basis of actual site conditions and monitoring results over the implementation period or as otherwise required by this Licence. The plan included:
  - a. Nanisivik Mine 2004 Reclamation Plan and Closure Plan;
  - b. Engineering Design of Surface Reclamation Covers Report;
  - c. Surface Cell and Test Cell Taliks Report;
  - d. Quarry Development and Reclamation Plan;
  - e. Detailed Design of the West Twin Dyke Spillway Report;
  - f. Rock Piles and Open Pits Closure Plan;
  - g. Closure Monitoring Plan;
  - h. 2003 Phase III Environmental Site Assessment Report;
  - i. Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment Report;
  - j. West Twin Disposal Area Closure Plan;
  - k. Waste Disposal Plan; and
  - l. Landfill Closure Plan.
2. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval in writing, by September 30, 2009, Abandonment and Reclamation Plan specific to the Fuel Tank Farm, prepared in accordance with the *Mine Site Reclamation Guidelines for the Northwest Territories, 2007*



and consistent with the INAC *Mine Site Reclamation Policy for Nunavut, 2002*. The Plan shall include:

- a. Detailed engineering designs, stamped by an Engineer, for the closure (where applicable);
- b. Details on the collection and disposal of hydrocarbon residues within all tanks and pipes;
- c. The process of dismantling and disposing of all tanks, pipes, pumps and liners including final disposal location;
- d. Description of the final desired landscape;
- e. Discuss potential closure issues and liabilities including anticipated costs of all remediation activities;
- f. Identify a plan to delineate, treat and dispose of hydrocarbon contaminated soils located within, beneath and adjacent to the Fuel Tank Farm;
- g. Confirmation of Soil Quality Remediation Objectives (SQRO's) for the tank farm area;
- h. Consideration for disposal of liquid and/or hazardous waste in accordance with Government of Nunavut requirements or guidelines;
- i. Confirmatory soil analysis for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH);
- j. Decontamination and removal procedures for the tank and liner;
- k. Spill Contingency measure in accordance with *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations* developed under the *Environmental Protection Act (Nunavut)*; and
- l. Detailed implementation schedule for all tasks and activities.

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## **SCHEDULES**

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## Schedule A – Scope, Definitions, and Enforcement

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In this Licence: 1AR-NAN0914

“**Abandonment**” means the permanent dismantlement of a facility so it is permanently incapable of its intended use. This includes the removal of associated equipment and structures;

“**Act**” means the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

“**Acid Rock Drainage (ARD)**” means the production of acidic leachate, seepage or drainage from underground workings, open pits, ore piles, waste rock, construction rock that can lead to the release of metals to groundwater or surface water during the life of the Project and beyond closure;

“**Addendum**” means the supplemental text that is added to a full plan or report usually included at the end of the document and is not intended to require a full resubmission of the revised report. Also considered to be an appendix or supplement;

“**Amendment**” means a change to any terms and conditions of this Licence, through application to the NWB, requiring a change, addition, or deletion of specific terms and conditions of the Licence;

“**Analyst**” means an Analyst designated by the Minister under section 85 (1) of the *Act*;

“**Bi-weekly**” means, in the context of monitoring frequency, one sampling event occurring every two (2) weeks with a minimum of eight (8) days between sampling events;

“**Board**” means the Nunavut Water Board established under Article 13 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and under section 14 of the *Act*;

“**Chief Executive Officer**” means the Chairman of the Nunavut Water Board;

“**Closure**” means when an Operator ceases operations at a facility without the intent to resume mining activities in the future;

“**Closure-period**” means the period immediately following the Reclamation Period where maintenance and monitoring is to be undertaken with respect to the monitoring program commencing in 2009;

“**Composite Sample**” means

- (a) a quantity of effluent consisting of not less than three equal volumes proportionate to flow that have been collected at approximately equal time intervals over a sampling period of not less than seven hours and not more than 24 hours; or
- (b) a quantity of effluent collected continuously at a constant rate or at a rate

proportionate to the rate of flow of the effluent over a sampling period of not less than seven hours and not more than 24 hours.

“**Construction**” means any activities undertaken to construct or build or remediate any component of, or associated with, the undertaking Nanisivik Mine post-closure;

“**Dam Safety Guidelines**” means the *Canadian Dam Association (CDA) Dam Safety Guidelines (DSG)*, January 1999 or subsequent approved editions;

“**Deposit**” means the placement of waste rock, tailings or other solids materials on land or in water;

“**Discharge**” means the release of any water or waste to the receiving environment;

“**Effluent**” means the liquid discharge from all site water management facilities;

“**Engineer**” means a professional engineer registered to practice in Nunavut in accordance with the *Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Act (Nunavut)* S.N.W.T. 1998, c.38, s.5;

“**Engineered Structure**” means any facility, which was designed and approved by a Professional Engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Nunavut;

“**Final Discharge Point**” in respect of an effluent, means an identifiable discharge point of a mine beyond which the Operator of the mine no longer exercises control over the quality of the effluent;

“**Fuel Tank Farm**” comprises the fifteen steel tanks of various sizes and all associated facilities including, piping, pumping equipment, containment structures, liners, and berms located in the dock area;

“**Geotechnical Engineer**” means a professional engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologist and Geophysicists of Nunavut and whose principal field of specialization with the engineering properties of earth materials in dealing with man-made structures and earthworks that will be built on a site. These can include shallow and deep foundations, retaining walls, dams, and embankments;

“**Grab Sample**” means an undiluted quantity of material collected at a particular time and place that may be representative of the total substance being sampled at the time and place it was collected;

“**Hazardous Materials**” means a contaminant which is a dangerous good that is no longer used for its original purpose and is intended for recycling, treatment, disposal or storage;

**“ICP Metals Scan”** means, for the purpose of the Licence, elements detected in an inductively coupled plasma (ICP) mass spectrometer. Metal parameters should be consistent with baseline data previously collected and include any other metals of concern or interest;

**“Inspector”** means an Inspector designated by the Minister under section 85 (1) of the Act;

**“Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan”** means a conceptual detailed plan on the reclamation of mine components which will not be closed until the end of the mining operations, and operational detail for components which are to be progressively reclaimed throughout the mine life;

**“Landfill”** consists of the facilities described in S. 5.4 as identified in the Nanisivik Mine Closure and Reclamation Plan (February 2002), Figure 1-2 titled “Mine General Arrangement”;

**“Licence”** means this Type “A” Water Licence 1AR-NAN0914, issued by the Nunavut Water Board in accordance with the *Act*, to CanZinco Ltd. for the Nanisivik mine;

**“Licensee”** means to whom Licence 1AR-NAN0914 is issued to or assigned;

**“Maximum Authorized Monthly Mean Concentration”** means the average concentration of all samples collected over a thirty day period from the identical sampling location;

**“Metal Leaching”** means the mobilization of metals into solution under neutral, acidic or alkaline conditions;

**“Minister”** means the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada;

**“Modification”** means an alteration to a physical work that introduces a new structure or eliminates an existing structure and does not alter the purpose or function of the work;

**“Monitoring Program”** means the program to collect report and analyze, Water quality and geotechnical data used to assess impacts to the environment of an appurtenant undertaking;

**“Monthly”** means, in the context of monitoring frequency, one sampling event occurring every thirty (30) days with a minimum of twenty-one (21) days between sampling events;

**“Nunavut Land Claims Agreement”** (NLCA) means the “*Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*,” including its preamble and schedules, and any amendments to that agreement made pursuant to it;

**“Operator”** means the person who operates, has control or custody of, or is in charge of a mine or recognized closed mine;

**“Project”** means the Nanisivik mine Project as outlined in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and supplemental information submitted by CanZinco Ltd. to the Nunavut Impact

Review Board (NIRB) as well as the Water Licence Application, Supporting Documents, and Technical Meeting Information Supplement documents submitted by the CanZinco Ltd. to the Nunavut Water Board throughout the regulatory process;

**“Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC)”** Quality Assurance means the system of activities designed to better ensure that quality control is done effectively; Quality Control means the use of established procedures to achieve standards of measurement for the three principle components of quality: precision, accuracy and reliability;

**“Quarterly”** means, in the context of monitoring frequency, one (1) sampling event occurring every three (3) months with a minimum of ninety (90) days between sampling events;

**“Reclamation”** means the process of returning the mine sites and affected areas to viable and, wherever practicable, self-sustaining ecosystems that are compatible with a healthy environment and with human activities;

**“Receiving Environment”** means both the aquatic and terrestrial environments that receive any discharge resulting from the Project;

**“Regulations”** means the *Northwest Territories Water Regulations SOR/93-303 8 June, 1993*;

**“Soil Quality Remediation Objectives (SQRO’s)”** means the numerical concentration established as target value for soil quality remediation for contaminated sites as determined with guidance provided by the *Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME)*;

**“Surface Cell”** means the tailings, dike, shale and armour cover in the West Twin Disposal Area Surface Cell as detailed in the document *Surface Reclamation Covers As-Built Report; Nanisivik Mine, NU; Final Report*. BGC Engineering Inc. dated, April 14, 2008;

**“Test Cell”** means the tailings, shale and armour cover in the West Twin Disposal Area Test Cell as detailed in the document *Surface Reclamation Covers As-Built Report; Nanisivik Mine, NU; Final Report*. BGC Engineering Inc., dated, April 14, 2008;

**“Upper Dump Pond”** means the tailings, shale and armour cover in the West Twin Disposal Area Upper Dump Pond as detailed in the document *Surface Reclamation Covers As-Built Report; Nanisivik Mine, NU; Final Report*. BGC Engineering Inc., dated, April 14, 2008;

**“Use”** means use as defined in section 4 of the Act;

**“Waste”** means waste as defined in section 4 of the Act;

**“Waste Rock”** means all unprocessed rock materials that are or were produced as a result of mining operations and have no current economical value;

**“Waste Water”** means the water generated by site activities or originates on-site that requires treatment or any other water management activity;

**“Water”** means water as defined in section 4 of the Act;

**“Water Licence Application”** means the amendment application and supporting information received September 26, 2006 and the renewal application dated February 15, 2008 with supporting documentation received by the NWB during the regulatory review to close of the public hearing record;

**“Weekly”** means, in the context of monitoring frequency, one (1) sampling event occurring every seven (7) days with a minimum of five (5) days between sampling events; and

**“West Twin Disposal Area”** means the facility consisting of the tailings impoundment area known as the Surface Cell, the structures designed to contain tailings, and West Twin Reservoir and Test Cell Area as identified in the West Twin Disposal Area Closure Plan, dated March 4, 2004”.

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## Schedule B - General Conditions

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The Annual Report referred to in Part B Item 3, shall include:

1. An executive summary of the Annual Report shall be provided in English and Inuktitut to summarize the activities and reclamation progress achieved under this Licence.

### PART D – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO CONSTRUCTION

2. For the dikes and dams:
  - a. As-built drawings of all mitigation works undertaken;
  - b. Any changes in the design and/or as-built condition and respective consequences of any changes to safety, water balance and water quality; and
  - c. A summary of maintenance work undertaken as a result of settlement or deformation of dikes and dams.

### PART E – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE AND MANAGEMENT

3. A summary of all water use activities in relation to the purpose of use and volumes required.

### PART F – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL AND MANAGEMENT

4. A summary of all general and hazardous Wastes generated through the course of the undertaking and their removal for disposal at an approved disposal facility.

### PART G – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MODIFICATIONS

5. A summary of all modifications and/or major maintenance work carried out on all water use and waste disposal related structures and facilities.

### PART H – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

6. A summary list and description of all unauthorized discharges including volumes, spill report line identification number and summaries of follow-up action taken as reported under Part H, Item 6(c).

### PART I – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM

7. Tabular summaries of all results of the Monitoring Program in accordance with Part I and Schedule I, Tables 2 and 3 including:



- a. Water quality data; and
- b. Data collected from instrumentation used to monitor earthworks and an interpretation of that data.

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8. An overview of methods and frequency used to monitor deformations, seepage and geothermal responses.
9. A comparison of measured versus predicted performance.
10. A discussion of any unanticipated observations including changes in risk and mitigation measures implemented to reduce risk.
11. Provide detailed map(s) of all geotechnical and water quality monitoring stations to accompany the reporting and interpretation of results.
12. The Geotechnical Engineer's Inspection Report required by Part I, Item 5, including the Annual Water Quality Review, required by Part I, Item 7.

#### PART J – CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT, RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE

13. A summary of any closure and reclamation work undertaken on the Fuel Tank Farm, including photographic records of site conditions before and after completion of operations, and an outline of any work anticipated for the next year, including any changes to implementation and scheduling.
14. An updated estimate of the current reclamation liability, as required by Part J, Item 4, based on project development monitoring, results of reclamation research and any changes or modifications to the Appurtenant Undertaking. This estimate is to include a summary of expenditures during the year in relation to the ongoing mine site reclamation.
15. A summary of general remediation and reclamation work completed to date.
16. A revised implementation schedule.

#### GENERAL and PLANS/ REPORTS/ STUDIES

17. A summary of any studies requested by the Board that relate to Water Use, Waste disposal or Reclamation activities, and a brief description of any future studies planned.
18. Where applicable, submission of Addendums, with a revisions summary table giving an indication of the change, where they have been made and the date, for all plans, reports, and manuals.

19. An executive summary in English, Inuktitut of all plans, reports, or studies conducted under this Licence.
20. A summary of actions taken to address concerns or deficiencies listed in the inspection reports and/or compliance reports filed by an Inspector.

OTHER

21. A summary of public consultation and participation with local organizations and the residents of the nearby communities, including a schedule of upcoming community events and information sessions.
22. A detailed workplan of activities to be carried out in the subsequent year including dates of planned onsite inspection and sampling activities.
23. Any other details on Water use or Waste Disposal requested by the Board by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year being reported.

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## Schedule D - Conditions Applying to Construction

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1. The Construction Monitoring Report referred to in Part D, Item 9 shall include:
  - a. A summary of construction activities including photographic records before, during and after construction;
  - b. As-built drawings;
  - c. Documentation of field decisions that deviate from original plans and any data used to support these decisions;
  - d. Discussion of mitigation measures implemented during construction and effectiveness;
  - e. Monitoring undertaken in accordance with Part D;
  - f. Blast vibration monitoring for quarrying activity carried out in close proximity to fish bearing waters; and
  - g. Monitoring for sediment release from construction areas.

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## Schedule I - Conditions Applying to General Monitoring: Tables 1, 2 and 3

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**TABLE 1 – Water Quality Monitoring Groups**

Group	Included Parameters
1	Metals Analysis: Total cadmium, Total lead, Total zinc Major Cations: calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, ammonia, and the derived parameter hardness Major Anions chloride, sulphate, bicarbonate, carbonate, nitrate + nitrite, and the derived parameter alkalinity Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Field Parameters: specific conductivity, temperature pH Visual Oil and Grease (unless required by Part I, Item 2)
2	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon (TPH) (when active layer deepest)
3	Oil and Grease
4	ICP Metal Scan (trace metal scan) to be, at a minimum, consistent with background water quality data previously collected including any other metals of concern or interest

**TABLE 2 – Post-Closure (2009-2014) Active Water Quality Monitoring Program**

Station	Description	Phase	Monitoring Parameters	Frequency <sup>1</sup>
<b>Mine Site</b>				
159-4	Final Discharge Point Effluent from the West Twin Disposal Area at decant structure	Post-closure	Group 1	Bi-weekly
			Group 4	Twice Annually
159-6	Twin Lakes Creek approximately 10 metres upstream from its mouth at high tide.	Post-closure	Group 1 Group 3	Bi-weekly
			Group 4	Twice Annually
159-10	Twin Lakes Creek, 10 metres upstream of the west tributary from Nanisivik townsite.	Post-closure	Group 1	Bi-weekly
159-14	Chris Creek, 50 metres upstream from the confluence of East Portal and Chris Creek.	Post-closure	Group 1	Monthly
159-15	Chris Creek, upstream from where Area 14 drainage enters Chris Creek (at the culvert).	Post-closure	Group 1	Monthly
159-17	Above the outflow of Chris Creek to Strathcona Sound	Post-closure	Group 1	Monthly
			Group 4	Twice Annually
159-20 (NML-23)	Outflow of East Twin Lake	Post-closure	Group 1	Bi-weekly
159-21 (NML-29)	Downstream of Landfill – East Drainage System	Post-closure	Group 1 Group 2 Group 3	Monthly
NML-30	Downstream of Landfill – West Drainage System	Post-closure	Group 1 Group 2 Group 3	Monthly

Note: <sup>1</sup> during periods of flow

**TABLE 3 – Post –Closure Active Geotechnical Monitoring Program**

<b>Summary of Instrument Readings Requirements</b>				
<b>Instrument Information</b>			<b>Post Closure Monitoring</b>	
<b>Instrument Label</b>	<b>Instrument Type</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Monitoring Frequency</b>	<b>No. of Monitoring Nodes</b>
<b>West Twin Dike</b>				
TC12	Thermocouple	Dike Face	Quarterly	2
TC13A	Thermocouple	Dike Face	Quarterly	5
TC31	Thermocouple	Dike Face	Quarterly	5
TC32	Thermocouple	Dike Face	Quarterly	7
TC33	Thermocouple	Dike Face	Quarterly	7
BGC03-33	Thermistor	Dike Crest	Quarterly	10
BGC03-34	Thermistor	Dike Crest	Quarterly	10
BGC05-09	Thermistor	Dike Crest	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12
BGC05-15	Thermistor	Dike Crest	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12
BGC03-17	Thermistor	Dike Crest	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
<b>Surface Cell</b>				
BGC02-03	Thermistor	Surface Cell	No longer functioning-discontinued	
BGC03-07	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly	9
BGC03-09	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly	10
BGC03-10	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly	8
BGC03-11	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	10
BGC03-12	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly	1
BGC03-14	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly	1
BGC03-15	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly	10
BGC03-20	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	10
BGC03-21	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly	10
BGC03-32	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC03-35	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC03-36	Thermocouple	Surface Cell	Quarterly	5
BGC03-37	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly	9

Summary of Instrument Readings Requirements				
Instrument Information			Post Closure Monitoring	
Instrument Label	Instrument Type	Location	Monitoring Frequency	No. of Monitoring Nodes
			June 1-Sept 15	
BGC05-05	Thermistor	Surface Cell	Quarterly	12
BGC05-06	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-07	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-08	Contingency	Surface Cell	-	n/a
Surface Cell				
BGC05-10	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-11	Monitoring Well	Surface Cell	Once per summer	n/a
BGC05-12	Monitoring Well	Surface Cell	Once per summer	n/a
BGC05-13	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Surface Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-14	Contingency	Surface Cell	-	n/a
BGC05-16	Contingency	Surface Cell	-	n/a
FG-1	Frost Gauge	Surface Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-2	Frost Gauge	Surface Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-3	Frost Gauge	Surface Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-4	Frost Gauge	Surface Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-5	Frost Gauge	Surface Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-6	Frost Gauge		Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
Toe of West Twin Dike				
BGC03-18	Thermocouple	Toe of West Twin Dike	Quarterly	4
BGC03-19	Thermistor	Toe of West Twin Dike	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	8
BGC05-26	Thermistor	Toe of West Twin Dike	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	10
Test Cell				
BGC05-04	Thermistor	Test Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	10
BGC05-18	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Test Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly	1

Summary of Instrument Readings Requirements				
Instrument Information			Post Closure Monitoring	
Instrument Label	Instrument Type	Location	Monitoring Frequency	No. of Monitoring Nodes
			June 1-Sept 15	
BGC05-19	Thermistor	Test Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12
BGC05-20	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Test Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-21	Monitoring Well	Test Cell	Once per summer	n/a
BGC05-22	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Test Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-23	Monitoring Well	Test Cell	Once per summer	n/a
BGC05-24	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Test Cell	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
BGC05-25	Contingency	Test Cell	-	n/a
FG-7	Frost Gauge	Test Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-8	Frost Gauge	Test Cell	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
Test Cell Dike				
BGC02-09	Thermistor	Test Cell Dike	Quarterly	3
BGC03-22	Thermistor	Test Cell Dike	Quarterly	8
BGC05-29	Thermistor	Test Cell Dike	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12
Toe of Test Cell Dike				
BGC05-27	Thermistor	Toe of Test Cell Dike	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	10
BGC05-28	Vibrating Wire Piezometer	Toe of Test Cell Dike	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	1
FG-9	Frost Gauge	Toe of Test Cell Dike	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-10	Frost Gauge	Toe of Test Cell Dike	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
Oceanview Pit				
BGC05-01	Thermistor	Oceanview Pit	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12
FG-16	Frost Gauge	Oceanview Pit	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
East Open Pit				
BGC05-02	Thermistor	East Open Pit	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12



Summary of Instrument Readings Requirements				
Instrument Information			Post Closure Monitoring	
Instrument Label	Instrument Type	Location	Monitoring Frequency	No. of Monitoring Nodes
BGC05-03	Thermistor	East Open Pit	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	12
FG-13	Frost Gauge	East Open Pit	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
FG-14	Frost Gauge	East Open Pit	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
Landfill				
BGC05-30	Thermistor	Landfill	Quarterly/ Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	10
FG-11	Frost Gauge	Landfill	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
Area 14				
TC8	Thermocouple	Area 14	Quarterly	4
FG-15	Frost Gauge	Area 14	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a
Upper Dump Pond				
FG-17	Frost Gauge	Upper Dump Pond	Bi-weekly June 1-Sept 15	n/a

Notes:

1. Quarterly readings to be taken during December, Late April, Early July, and Late August.
2. Frost Gauges to be read weekly between June 1 and September 15.
3. Reproduced from document provided by BGC Engineering Inc. for CanZinco Ltd., a division of Breakwater Resources Ltd.

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## **Appendix C Supporting Documentation**



**Contingency Plan for  
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## **Executive Summary**

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A contingency plan for surface water quality monitoring is developed for the former Nanisivik Mine site, located near Arctic Bay, Nunavut. Sampling stations identified in the Water Licence issued by the Nunavut Water Board include 159-4 (for which there are specific maximum authorized concentrations for arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, zinc, total suspended sediment, radium-226 and pH), as well as 159-6, 159-10, 159-14, 159-15, 159-17, NML-23, NML-29 and NML-30. Site-specific action levels are required for all stations except 159-4.

The contingency plan recommends the use of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value as the basis for specifying action levels for monitoring water quality in relation to concentrations of total cadmium, total lead, total zinc, sulfate, and TSS. For pH, values of 6.0 and 9.5 are recommended. Since the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value is likely to be exceeded for one in every twenty observations by chance alone, it is recommended that a follow-up investigation should be initiated into the potential cause of water quality impairment if an action level is exceeded in two consecutive observations at any single location.

If an action level is exceeded for a key parameter in two consecutive water samples, a follow-up investigation will be triggered. The follow-up investigations will include the following:

- Visual reconnaissance of the watercourse upstream from the location where the exceedance was noted, looking for evidence of conditions that might account for the exceedance (e.g., fresh erosion of mineralized outcrops; sources of turbidity; evidence of erosion or damage to any of the covers applied to waste disposal areas).
- Sampling of the watercourse at intervals upstream from the location where the exceedance was noted, using field instruments (pH, conductivity, temperature) and taking water samples for chemical analysis, to identify where the exceedance originates.

An annual report on water quality monitoring results will be submitted to the Nunavut Water Board no later than March 31 in the year following the calendar year being reported (as required by Part B, Item 3 of the Water Licence). The format and content of the report will be similar to those of the 2008 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report.

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## **Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances, Former Nanisivik Mine Site**

### **1.0 Introduction**

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This report outlines a Contingency Plan detailing actions to take in the event of water quality exceedances at the former Nanisivik Mine, near Arctic Bay, Nunavut. The Contingency Plan is a requirement of the Water Licence (No. 1AR-NAN0914, Part I, Item 8) issued for the site on April 1, 2009, by the Nunavut Water Board. As per the Water Licence, the Contingency Plan is to include:

- a. Consolidation of contingency measures as provided in the Appendices to the 2004 Reclamation Plan and Closure Plan(s).
- b. Levels established and the methodology used in the establishment of contingency levels for water quality monitoring parameters... must be established whereby defined abatement and mitigation actions would be undertaken for any exceedance of such levels or criteria, taking into account historical background conditions.
- c. Mitigation and monitoring that addresses any environmental issues that may develop during reclamation of the Main Fuel Tank Farm.
- d. Reporting requirements.

This report addresses items “a”, “b” and “d”. Item “c” will be addressed by Breakwater Resources Ltd. under separate cover, as part of the submission addressing reclamation of the Main Fuel Tank Farm.

### **2.0 Surface Water Quality Monitoring**

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The Water Licence (Schedule I, Tables 1 and 2) defines the required surface water quality monitoring program (analytical parameters and sampling frequency) at Nanisivik. In addition, for monitoring station 159-4 (the outlet from the West Twin Disposal Area), the Water Licence (Part F, Items 1 and 2) establishes maximum allowable concentrations of total arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, zinc and radium-226, total suspended solids, and total petroleum hydrocarbons, and defines the permissible range of pH values.

For the remaining surface water monitoring stations (159-6, 159-10, 159-14, 159-15, 159-17, 159-20, 159-21 and NML-30), maximum allowable concentrations of substances in water are not defined within the Water Licence. The Water Licence, Part I, Item 8b indicates that action levels for water quality monitoring parameters are to be defined and justified within the Contingency Plan.

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At any time when hydrocarbon sheens are observed at a water quality monitoring station, additional water samples must be collected to be analysed for hydrocarbons in compliance with the Water Licence, Part F, Item 2.

### 2.1 ESTABLISHING ACTION LEVELS FOR SURFACE WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

Action levels for monitoring station 159-4 are defined in the Water Licence (Part F, Items 1 and 2), and are presented here in Table 1. For the remaining monitoring stations, action levels that would trigger further investigation and possible abatement or mitigation actions must be defined.

**Table 1 Maximum Authorized Concentrations for Substances in Water at Monitoring Station 159-4**

Substance	Maximum Authorized Concentration (mg/L)		
	Monthly Mean	Composite Sample	Grab Sample
Total Arsenic	0.25	0.375	0.50
Total Cadmium	0.005	0.008	0.01
Total Copper	0.1	0.15	0.20
Total Lead	0.1	0.15	0.2
Total Nickel	0.5	0.75	1
Total Zinc	0.25	0.375	0.5
Total Suspended Sediment	15	22.5	30
Total Radium-226	0.37 Bq/L	0.74 Bq/L	1.11 Bq/L
pH	6.0 – 9.5		
Hydrocarbons	Where a visible sheen of oil and grease has been observed under Part I, Item 2, the maximum authorized concentration in a grab sample shall not exceed 30 mg/L.		

The streams draining the Nanisivik area flow through terrain that is naturally mineralized with the metals that were mined, as well as a variety of other minerals. Although some areas such as East Twin Lake (represented by monitoring station 159-20) reliably provide water that meets most Canadian water quality guidelines, other areas (such as monitoring stations 159-6 and 159-10) are periodically influenced by natural mineral outcrops such that some of the Canadian water quality guidelines may not apply. In order to be meaningful, therefore, action levels must be developed in a site-specific manner for each relevant water quality parameter, at each monitoring station.

The statistical basis for developing action levels must depend on the statistical characteristics of the underlying water quality data. Experience shows that the underlying statistical distributions of many key water quality parameters (such as lead and zinc concentrations) are not reflective of a normal distribution. Therefore, parametric statistics (including measures such as the mean and standard deviation) are not meaningful and non-parametric statistics must be considered.

The simplest and most transparent non-parametric statistic to apply is the percentile. The 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or median divides the data into two groups (those that are lower or higher than the median).



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In a similar way, the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile is defined as the point where 95% of the data are lower, and 5% of the data are higher, and the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile is defined as the point where 99% of the observations are lower, and only 1% of the observations are higher.

The 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value is recommended here as the basis for establishing action levels since it represents a reasonable balance between responding to too many “false positive” signals (if the value is set too low), or failing to respond to a significant event (if the value is set too high). In a randomly varying dataset, one observation in every twenty would be expected to exceed the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value, regardless of the underlying statistical distribution, without indicating that anything unusual is occurring. However, unless there was a fundamental change in the underlying data, it would be unlikely (one in four hundred) for two consecutive observations to exceed the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value.

Taking into consideration that in addition to monitoring station 159-4, there are eight (8) other monitoring stations for which action levels must be defined. There are on average six “key” monitoring parameters (e.g., total cadmium, total lead, total zinc, sulphate, TSS and pH), as well as 15 to 20 additional supporting parameters that are measured. On any given sampling date, therefore, there will be roughly forty-eight (48) “tests” to determine whether any single value exceeds an action level. Based on chance alone, it would be typical for several parameters to exceed the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile values at one or more monitoring stations, without indicating any abnormal condition. It would be unusual, however, for the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value to be exceeded, for the same parameter and monitoring station in two consecutive (biweekly or monthly) samples, by chance alone.

Therefore it is recommended that action levels be defined based upon the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile values (calculated from historical data) for each key parameter at each monitoring station. When the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value is exceeded for any key parameter at the same monitoring station on two consecutive occasions, an investigation will be triggered to determine the cause of the exceedance. Action levels are not identified for the supporting parameters because they are of less concern from a toxicological perspective (e.g., major ion concentrations such as calcium and chloride), or because there is not sufficient data to develop an estimate of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile value. For pH, the action limits at all stations are proposed to be the same as the Water Licence limits for Station 159-4 (i.e., 6.0 to 9.5).

The proposed action levels based on the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile values from historical data are presented in Table 2.

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**Table 2**      **Calculated 95th Percentile Values for Water Quality Parameters at Nanisivik Monitoring Stations**

	<b>Total Cd (mg/L)</b>	<b>Total Pb (mg/L)</b>	<b>Total Zn (mg/L)</b>	<b>Sulfate (mg/L)</b>	<b>TSS (mg/L)</b>	<b>pH</b>
159-6	0.018	0.063	6.3	509	63	6.0 – 9.5
159-10	0.037	0.14	13	651	15	6.0 – 9.5
159-14	0.0005	0.0022	0.13	408	33	6.0 – 9.5
159-15	0.00085	0.0073	0.17	269	4.0	6.0 – 9.5
159-17	0.0012	0.028	0.38	499	53	6.0 – 9.5
NML-23	0.0058	0.046	0.14	25	11	6.0 – 9.5
NML-29	0.00025	0.0055	0.03	240	22	6.0 – 9.5
NML-30	0.00025	0.0055	0.03	240	22	6.0 – 9.5

Notes:

Values for NML-29 are based upon data from NML-30; zinc values for NML-29 and NML-30 are set equal to the CCME Guideline.

pH values are based on the Water Licence requirement (see Table 1).

### 2.2 CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR RESPONSE WHEN ACTION LEVELS ARE EXCEEDED

If an action level is exceeded for a key parameter in two consecutive water samples, a follow-up investigation will be triggered. The follow-up investigations will include the following:

- Visual reconnaissance of the watercourse upstream from the location where the exceedance was noted, looking for evidence of conditions that might account for the exceedance (e.g., fresh erosion of mineralized outcrops; sources of turbidity; evidence of erosion or damage to any of the covers applied to waste disposal areas).
- Sampling of the watercourse at intervals upstream from the location where the exceedance was noted, using field instruments (pH, conductivity, temperature) and taking water samples for chemical analysis, to identify where the exceedance originates.

In the event that the cause of a water quality exceedance is identified, and is found to originate from mine infrastructure, a need for remedial action may be identified. It is beyond the scope of this contingency plan to identify what such remedial actions may be. Contingency plans for former mine infrastructure are provided under separate cover.

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### 3.0 Reporting

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An annual report on water quality monitoring results will be submitted to the Nunavut Water Board no later than March 31 in the year following the calendar year being reported (as required by Part B, Item 3 of the Water Licence). The format and content of the report will be similar to those of the 2008 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report (prepared by Jacques Whitford, February 19, 2009). A proposed Table of Contents for the 2009 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report is shown below.

#### **2009 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report, Nanisivik Mine, Nunavut**

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**Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances, Former Nanisivik Mine Site****4.0 Closing**

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This letter outlines the quality assurance / quality control (QA/QC) plan for water samples to be collected during surface water quality monitoring activities at the former Nanisivik Mine site, located near Arctic Bay, Nunavut. Also attached to this letter is a letter provided by Mr. Herbert Yu at Exova Accutest Laboratories, the performing analytical laboratory, confirming their acceptance of the QA/QC plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

The surface water quality monitoring program is required by the Water Licence (1AR-NAN0914, Parts F and I) issued by the Nunavut Water Board. This QA/QC plan is a requirement of the Water Licence, Part I, Item 11, which states:

11. *The Licensee shall submit a revised "Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan". The QA/QC Plan shall be modified to include up to date sampling methods to all applicable standards, acceptable to an accredited laboratory as required by Part I, Item 9 and Part I, Item 10. The Plan shall include a covering letter from the accredited laboratory confirming acceptance of the Plan for analyses to be performed under this Licence.*

The water quality analyses required by the Water Licence are defined in Schedule I, Table 1, and include the following Water Quality Monitoring Groups:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Included Parameters</b>
1	Metals Analysis: total cadmium, total lead, total zinc Major Cations: calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, ammonia, and the derived parameter hardness Major Anions: chloride, sulphate, bicarbonate, carbonate, nitrate+nitrite, and the derived parameter alkalinity Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Field parameters: specific conductivity, temperature, pH Visual oil and grease

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<b>Group</b>	<b>Included Parameters</b>
2	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon
3	Oil and Grease
4	ICP Metal Scan (trace metal scan) to be, at a minimum, consistent with background water quality data previously collected including any other metals of concern or interest

## **QA/QC PLAN**

### **Field Sampling and Measurement Personnel**

No special training of field personnel is required for this activity. The sampling technician employed by Breakwater Resources (Mr. Claude Lavallee of Arctic Bay) has several years experience performing this task, and has completed health and safety training with Breakwater Resources.

### **Field Documentation and Records**

Field collected data will be documented using a bound field notebook. This book will be kept on permanent file by Mr. Lavallee, and photocopies or electronic scans of the notebook will be made immediately following each sampling event. The photocopies or scanned files will be mailed (or e-mailed) to Breakwater Resources where they will also be kept on permanent file.

Field measured parameters include specific conductivity, water temperature, and pH. These measurements will be performed using field instruments, which will be calibrated in advance of each sampling event (in the case of pH and conductivity) according to the manufacturer's instructions, using standard calibration solutions. For pH, calibration will involve the use of two pH standards, having values of 4.0 and 7.0.

The field notes will record the sampling locations, date and time of sample collection, type of samples collected (e.g., water samples for general chemistry, hydrocarbon analysis, or ICP metal scan), field instruments used to collect field measurements, date of calibration of the field instruments, and results of field measurements (e.g., water temperature, pH, and conductivity). The results of a visual inspection of the sampling site will also be recorded (i.e., presence of any hydrocarbon sheens or other unusual observations).

### **Sampling Methods**

For this program, all water samples will be collected as grab samples. Water samples should be collected at a depth of 15 cm below the water surface (where the depth of water permits). Bottles and caps will be rinsed three times with site water before filling, unless the bottle is pre-charged with a preservative, in which case rinsing must not be performed. After rinsing, the bottle should be filled by submerging it completely, facing into the current, until all air bubbles have been expelled.

### **Labels**

All samples will be clearly labeled for proper identification in the field and for tracking in the laboratory. At a minimum the sample labels will include the sampling location or name, the date of collection, the initials of the sampler, the intended analytical parameters, and the method of preservation (if relevant).

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### **Field Sampling Quality Control**

Field QC samples (duplicates and blanks) will be submitted as part of the sampling program. Normally such samples comprise roughly 10% of the samples submitted. Due to the small number of samples to be collected on each sampling dated, one field duplicate and one field blank sample will be submitted for each relevant Water Quality Monitoring Group in conjunction with each sampling event. These samples will be provided with unique (fictitious) sample identification numbers, and will be submitted "blind" to the laboratory. The identity of these samples will be recorded in the field notebook.

### **Sample Containers and Preservatives**

Sample containers will be provided pre-cleaned by the laboratory. In some cases, the laboratory will provide the sample bottles pre-treated with a preservative.

### **Sample Packaging and Shipping**

All sample containers will be placed in a cooler, with bags of ice to ensure that they remain cool during shipping. Glass bottles will be wrapped with bubble-wrap before being placed in the cooler, and all bottles will be placed in plastic bags and protected with suitable materials (e.g., bubble wrap) to ensure that movement of and potential damage to bottles during shipping is minimized.

The cooler will be sealed by the sample packer, using tape. The analytical laboratory will be notified of the shipment and provided with waybill information and the estimated date and time of arrival by e-mail.

### **Chain of Custody**

Chain of custody forms will be provided by the analytical laboratory, and will be completed by the sampler prior to packing the samples in a cooler. The chain of custody document will include details of the samples shipped, date of collection, sampler, date of shipment, and analyses requested. The chain of custody document will be placed in the cooler in a plastic Ziploc bag, on top of the samples, prior to sealing the cooler.

### **Laboratory Analysis Methods**

The analytical laboratory must be accredited with the Canadian Association for Laboratory Accreditation (CALA). Accreditation by this organization provides assurance of the quality and competence of the performing laboratory.

Analytical methods must follow either U.S. EPA approved methods or methods from the most recent edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*.

### **Laboratory QA/QC**

The analytical laboratory will perform regular QA/QC during the analysis of field samples, including a program of method blanks, laboratory control samples, instrument calibration samples, matrix spikes, and duplicates.

### **Annual Reporting**

An annual report on water quality monitoring results will be submitted to the Nunavut Water Board no later than March 31 in the year following the calendar year being reported (as required by Part B, Item 3 of the Water Licence). The format and content of the report will be similar to those of the 2008 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report (prepared by Jacques Whitford, February 19, 2009). The annual report will include as appendices the original laboratory analysis certificates, as well as tables and figures as appropriate to identify

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trends in the data, or exceedances of action levels as established in the *Contingency Plan for Water Quality Exceedances, Former Nanisivik Mine Site* (Stantec, 2009).

Within the annual report, the acceptability of samples will be evaluated qualitatively by examination of the field blanks, and field duplicate sample data. Reproducibility of samples will be expressed as relative percent difference (RPD):

$$RPD = 100 \times (|X_1 - X_2| / ((X_1 + X_2) / 2)) ,$$

where  $X_1$  is the original sample concentration,  $X_2$  is the duplicate sample concentration, and  $|X_1 - X_2|$  denotes the absolute value of the difference between these two concentrations.

## **CLOSING**

This letter has been prepared by Malcolm Stephenson PhD, and was reviewed by Tania Noble Sharpe, M.Eng., P.Eng., for the sole benefit of Breakwater Resources Ltd./CanZinco Limited, and may not be relied upon by any other person or entity without the express written consent of Jacques Whitford Stantec Limited and Breakwater Resources Ltd./CanZinco Limited. Jacques Whitford Stantec Limited accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made or actions based on this report.

We trust that the above information fulfills your needs at this time. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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**Attachment**



# **2014 ANNUAL WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORT**

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## **Appendix D 2014 Summary Data Tables**

Table D1: Final Discharge Point (Station 159-4)

Parameter	Authorized Licence Limit (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)			
		09-Jul-14	05-Aug-14	26-Aug-14	04-Sep-14
		159-4	159-4	159-4-P	159-4-P
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	7.57	7.97	7.98	8.00
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.302	1.4	1.29	1.25
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM	NM	NM	NM
Total Suspended Solids	15	<2	<2	<2	2
Sulphate	N/A	107	735	658	635
Arsenic	0.25	<0.001	---	<0.001	---
Cadmium	0.005	<0.0001	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002
Copper	0.1	<0.001	---	<0.001	---
Lead	0.1	<0.001	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Nickel	0.5	<0.005	---	<0.005	---
Zinc	0.25	0.01	0.09	0.08	0.08
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	35	79	78	76
Chloride	N/A	2	18	16	15
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.09	0.13	0.12	0.12
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	<0.10	0.28	0.31	0.27
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	147	853	791	778
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	35	79	78	76
Calcium	N/A	31	180	165	163
Magnesium	N/A	17	98	92	90
Potassium	N/A	2	9	9	8
Sodium	N/A	<2	6	5	5
<b>Notes:</b> Authorized Licence Limit – Monthly Mean (most conservative) A station specific action level of 1471 mg/L is also available for sulphate based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. * Laboratory measurements reported as field measurements were not available. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds Authorized Licence Limit, as listed within the 2009 Water Licence requirements.					

Table D2-1: Twin Lakes Creek Water Quality Data (Station 159-6)										
Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)								
		24-Jun-14	24-Jun-14	09-Jul-14	09-Jul-14	05-Aug-14	26-Aug-14	26-Aug-14	04-Sep-14	04-Sep-14
		159-6	159-6 Dup	159-6	159-6 Dup	159-6	159-6	159-6 Dup	159-6	159-6 Dup
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	7.67	7.64	7.31	7.31	7.64	7.47	7.51	7.79	7.81
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.196	0.195	0.066	0.066	0.451	0.251	0.248	0.610	0.609
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Total Suspended Solids	63	<2	<2	<2	2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2
Sulphate	509	40	40	11	11	173	81	81	249	241
Arsenic	N/A	---	---	<0.001	---	---	---	---	<0.001	---
Cadmium	0.018	0.0005	0.0005	0.0002	0.0002	0.0008	0.0006	0.0006	0.0008	0.0008
Copper	N/A	---	---	<0.001	---	---	---	---	<0.001	---
Lead	0.063	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Nickel	N/A	---	---	<0.005	---	---	---	---	<0.005	---
Zinc	6.3	0.25	0.25	0.06	0.06	0.4	0.31	0.32	0.5	0.5
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	50	50	15	15	47	34	33	55	67
Chloride	N/A	3	3	1	2	4	3	3	6	6
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.1	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.12
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	0.36	0.19	0.18	0.56	0.56
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	97	93	27	31	238	126	126	335	335
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	50	50	15	15	47	34	33	55	67
Calcium	N/A	19	19	6	6	46	24	24	65	65
Magnesium	N/A	12	11	3	4	30	16	16	42	42
Potassium	N/A	<1	<1	<1	<1	2	1	1	2	2
Sodium	N/A	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	2	2
F2 (C <sub>&gt;10</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> )	N/A	0.3	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
F3 (C <sub>&gt;16</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> )	N/A	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
F4 (C <sub>&gt;34</sub> -C <sub>50</sub> )	N/A	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. *    Laboratory measurements reported as field measurements were not available. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level.										

**Table D2-2: Twin Lakes Creek Water Quality Data (Station 159-10)**

Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)			
		09-Jul-14	05-Aug-14	26-Aug-14	04-Sep-14
		159-10	159-10	159-10	159-10
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	7.00	7.4	7.45	7.57
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.046	0.420	0.557	0.648
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM	NM	NM	NM
Total Suspended Solids	15	2	<2	<2	<2
Sulphate	651	8	159	231	279
Arsenic	N/A	---	---	---	---
Cadmium	0.037	0.0002	0.0014	0.003	0.0032
Copper	N/A	---	---	---	---
Lead	0.14	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.002
Nickel	N/A	---	---	---	---
Zinc	13	0.06	0.81	1.4	1.5
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	8	36	41	45
Chloride	N/A	1	4	5	7
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.16	0.1	0.06	0.17
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	<0.10	0.4	0.63	0.66
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	18	220	301	367
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	8	36	41	45
Calcium	N/A	4	42	58	71
Magnesium	N/A	2	28	38	46
Potassium	N/A	<1	2	2	3
Sodium	N/A	<2	<2	2	2
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. * Laboratory measurements reported as field measurements were not available. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level.					

Table D2-3: Twin Lakes Creek Water Quality Data (Station NML-23)

Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)									
		24-Jun-14	24-Jun-14	09-Jul-14	09-Jul-14	05-Aug-14	05-Aug-14	26-Aug-14	26-Aug-14	04-Sep-14	04-Sep-14
		NML-23	ELO	NML-23	ELO	NML-23	ELO	NML-23	ELO	NML-23	ELO
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	8.08	6.2	6.85	6.83	7.18	7.14	7.34	7.32	7.39	7.41
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.264	<0.005	0.024	0.023	0.053	0.050	0.070	0.069	0.071	0.070
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Total Suspended Solids	11	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2
Sulphate	25	<b>28</b>	<1	3	3	10	9	14	14	15	15
Arsenic	N/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Cadmium	0.0058	0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0001	<0.0001	0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Copper	N/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lead	0.046	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Nickel	N/A	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Zinc	0.14	<b>0.24</b>	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	105	<5	6	<5	11	10	14	13	14	14
Chloride	N/A	3	<1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	<0.02	0.41	0.1	0.1	0.12	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	0.13	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10	<0.10
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	147	<1	9	9	25	25	31	31	31	31
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	105	<1	6	<1	11	10	14	13	14	14
Calcium	N/A	29	<1	2	2	5	5	6	6	6	6
Magnesium	N/A	18	<1	1	1	3	3	4	4	4	4
Potassium	N/A	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Sodium	N/A	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2	<2
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. * Laboratory measurements reported as field measurements were not available. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level. The sample collected at Station ELO on June 24, 2014 is deemed suspect and an anomaly as discussed in Section2.2.											

**Table D3-1: Chris Creek Water Quality Data (Station 159-14)**

Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	
		11-Jul-14 159-14	06-Aug-14 159-14
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	7.83	8.09
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.212	0.554
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM	NM
Total Suspended Solids	33	<2	<2
Sulphate	408	46	190
Arsenic	N/A	---	---
Cadmium	0.0005	0.0002	0.0001
Copper	N/A	---	---
Lead	0.0022	<0.001	0.001
Nickel	N/A	---	---
Zinc	0.13	0.08	0.12
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	56	98
Chloride	N/A	1	4
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.03	0.08
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	<0.10	0.21
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	108	310
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	56	98
Calcium	N/A	20	55
Magnesium	N/A	14	42
Potassium	N/A	<1	<1
Sodium	N/A	<2	<2
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level.			

**Table D3-2: Chris Creek Water Quality Data (Station 159-15)**

Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)
		10-Jul-14 159-15
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	7.74
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.111
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM
Total Suspended Solids	4	<2
Sulphate	269	8
Arsenic	N/A	---
Cadmium	0.00085	<0.0001
Copper	N/A	---
Lead	0.00725	<0.001
Nickel	N/A	---
Zinc	0.17	0.03
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	46
Chloride	N/A	1
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.06
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	<0.10
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	56
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	46
Calcium	N/A	11
Magnesium	N/A	7
Potassium	N/A	<1
Sodium	N/A	<2
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level.		

**Table D3-3: Chris Creek Water Quality Data (Station 159-17)**

Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)
		06-Aug-14 159-17
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	8.1
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.615
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM
Total Suspended Solids	53	<2
Sulphate	499	216
Arsenic	N/A	<0.001
Cadmium	0.0012	0.0003
Copper	N/A	<0.001
Lead	0.028	0.002
Nickel	N/A	<0.005
Zinc	0.38	0.28
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	99
Chloride	N/A	4
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.12
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	0.29
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	349
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	99
Calcium	N/A	64
Magnesium	N/A	46
Potassium	N/A	1
Sodium	N/A	<2
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level.		



**Table D4: Landfill Water Quality Data (Station NML-30)**

Parameter	Action Level (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/L; unless otherwise specified)			
		24-Jun-14 NML-30	09-Aug-14 NML-30	09-Aug-14 NML-30 Dup	04-Sep-14 NML-30
Field pH (units)	6 - 9.5	8.09	8.18	8.23	8.28
Field Conductivity (mS)	N/A	0.290	0.458	0.457	0.447
Temperature (°C)	N/A	NM	NM	NM	NM
Total Suspended Solids	22	<2	<2	<2	<2
Sulphate	240	51	107	107	90
Arsenic	N/A	---	---	---	---
Cadmium	0.000245	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Copper	N/A	---	---	---	---
Lead	0.0055	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Nickel	N/A	---	---	---	---
Zinc	0.015	<0.01	<0.01	0.01	<0.01
Alkalinity (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	95	135	127	143
Chloride	N/A	2	3	3	3
Ammonia (as N)	N/A	0.07	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nitrate + Nitrite (as NO <sub>2</sub> +NO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	0.11	0.22	0.23	0.33
Hardness (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	152	254	254	257
Bicarbonate (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	N/A	95	135	127	143
Calcium	N/A	33	54	54	55
Magnesium	N/A	17	29	29	29
Potassium	N/A	<1	2	2	2
Sodium	N/A	<2	2	2	<2
F2 (C <sub>&gt;10</sub> -C <sub>16</sub> )	N/A	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
F3 (C <sub>&gt;16</sub> -C <sub>34</sub> )	N/A	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.29
F4 (C <sub>&gt;34</sub> -C <sub>50</sub> )	N/A	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	0.36
<b>Notes:</b> Station specific action levels based on 95 <sup>th</sup> percentile calculated from Station specific historical data. For further information, see Appendix C of this report. * Laboratory measurements reported as field measurements were not available. --- = Analysis not required    NM = Not Measured in the Field <b>Bold</b> = Value exceeds station action level.					

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### **Appendix E 2014 Temporal Trend Figures**

Figure E1: Temporal trends at Station 159-4

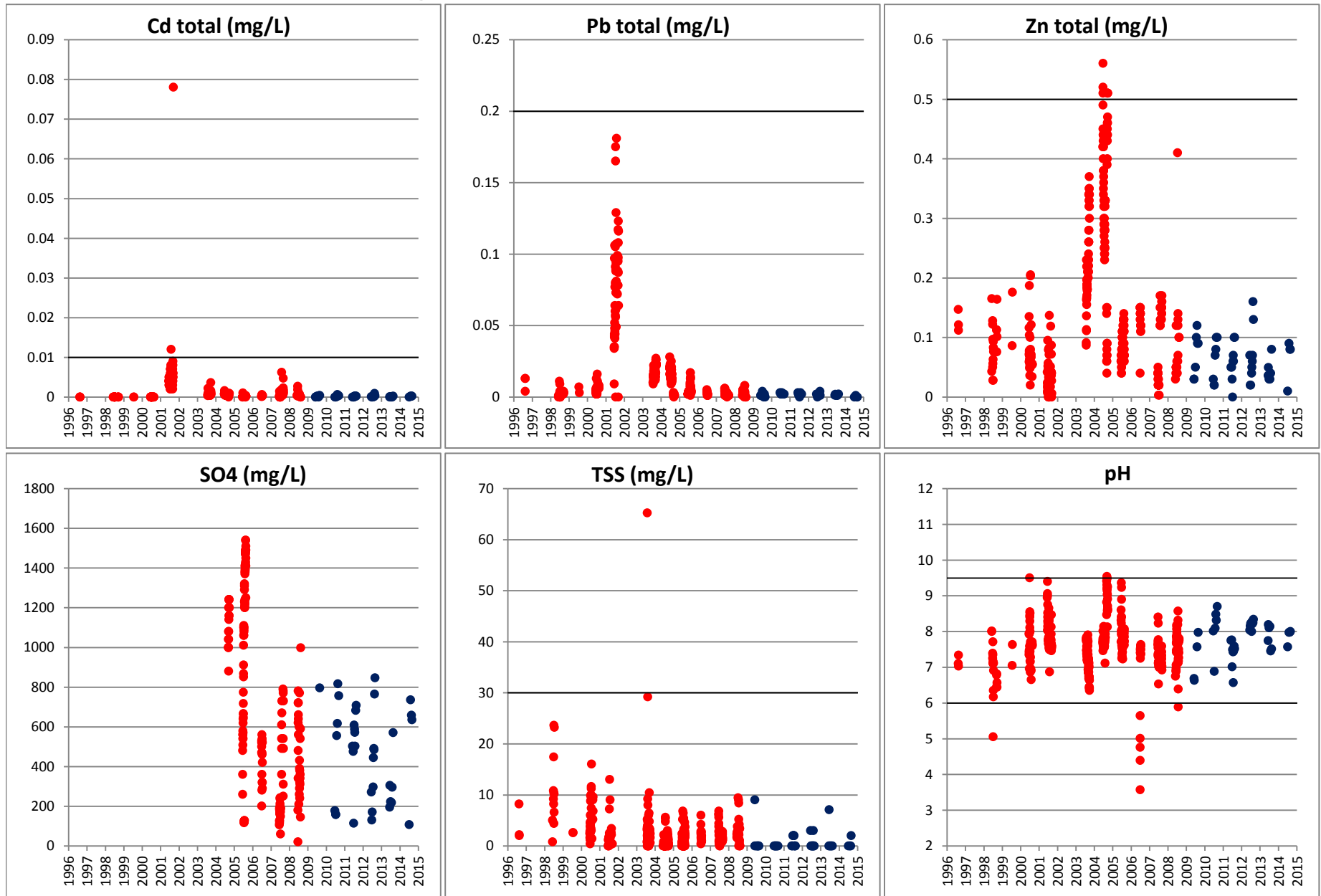


Figure E2: Temporal trends at Station 159-6

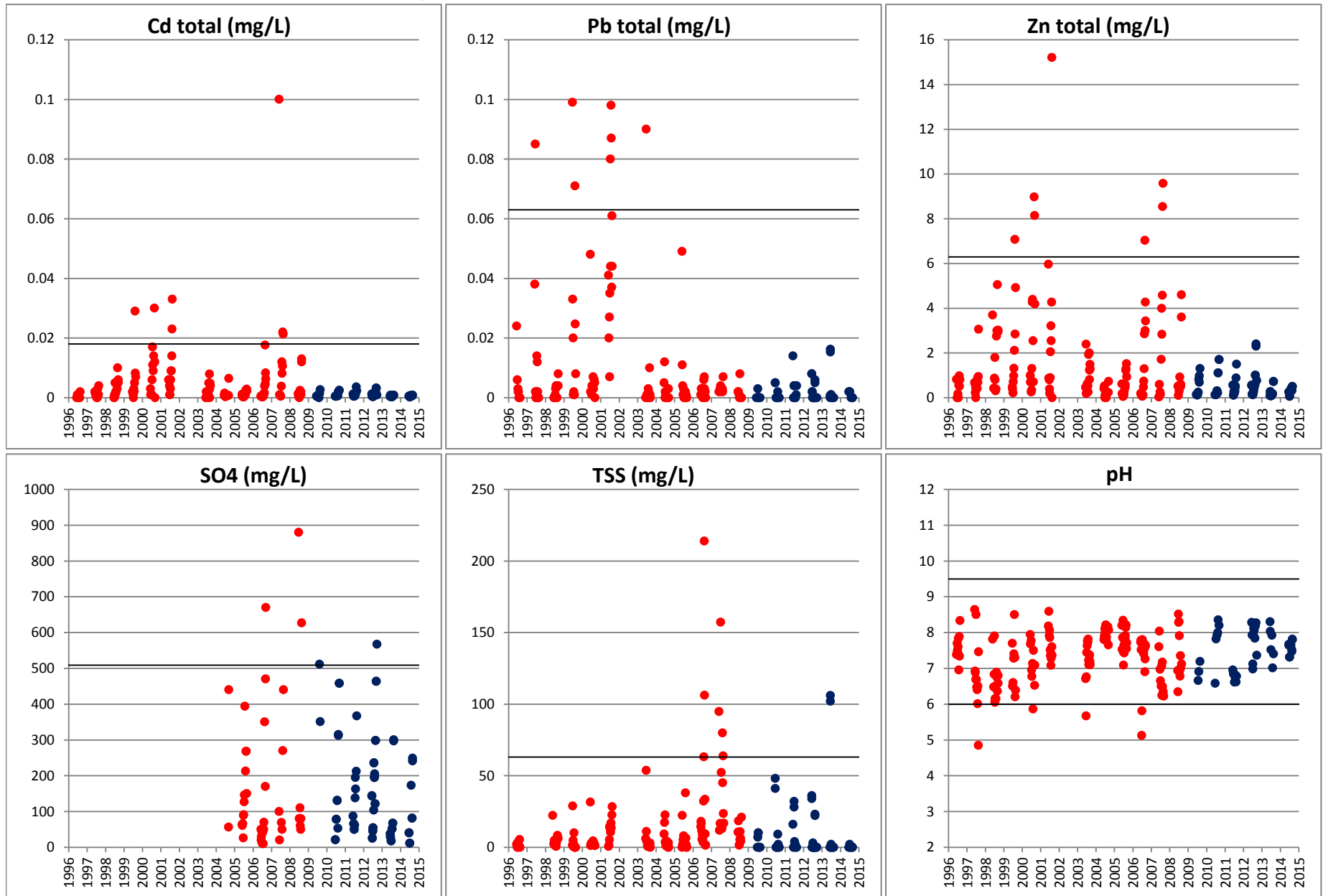


Figure E3: Temporal trends at Station 159-10

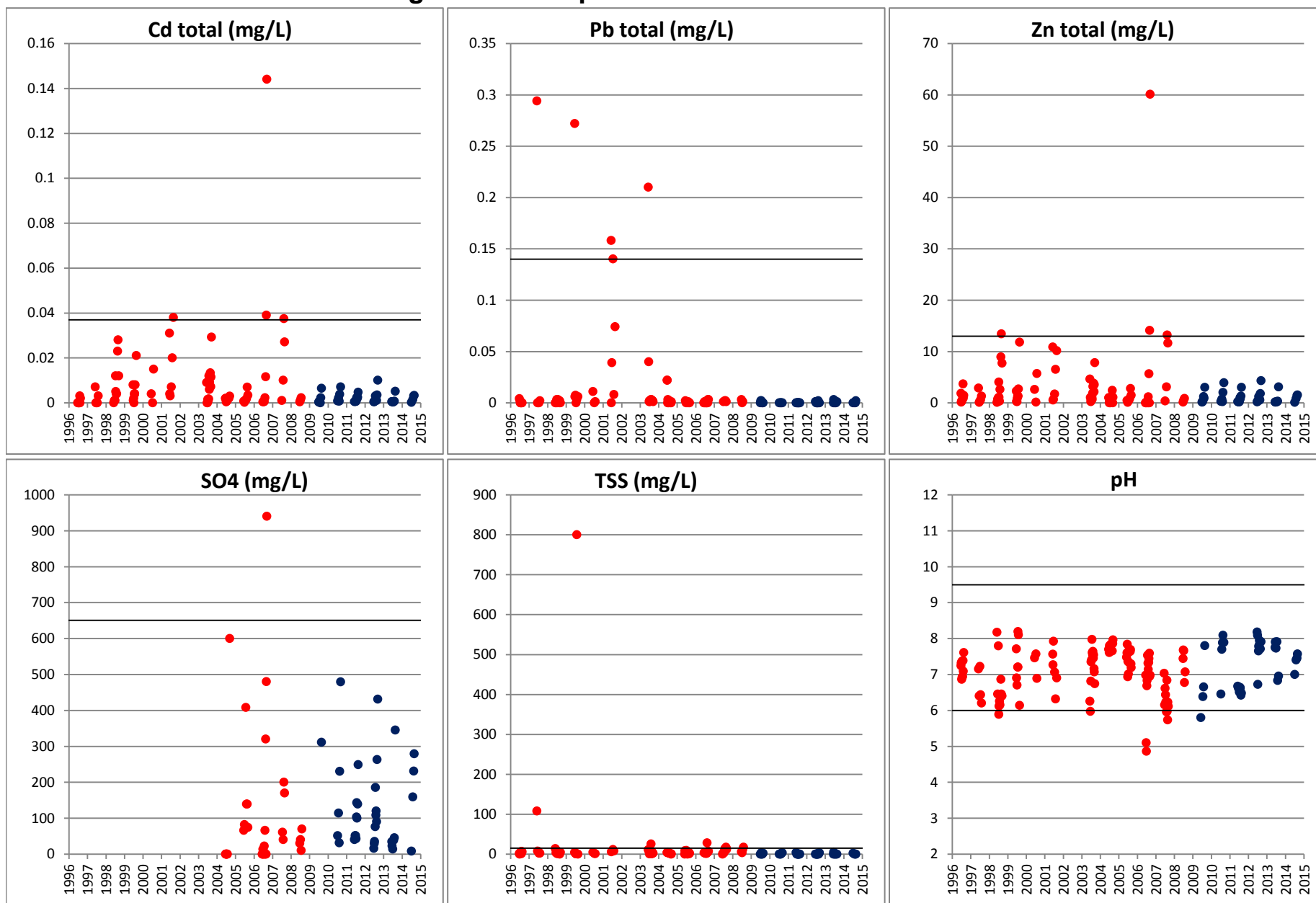
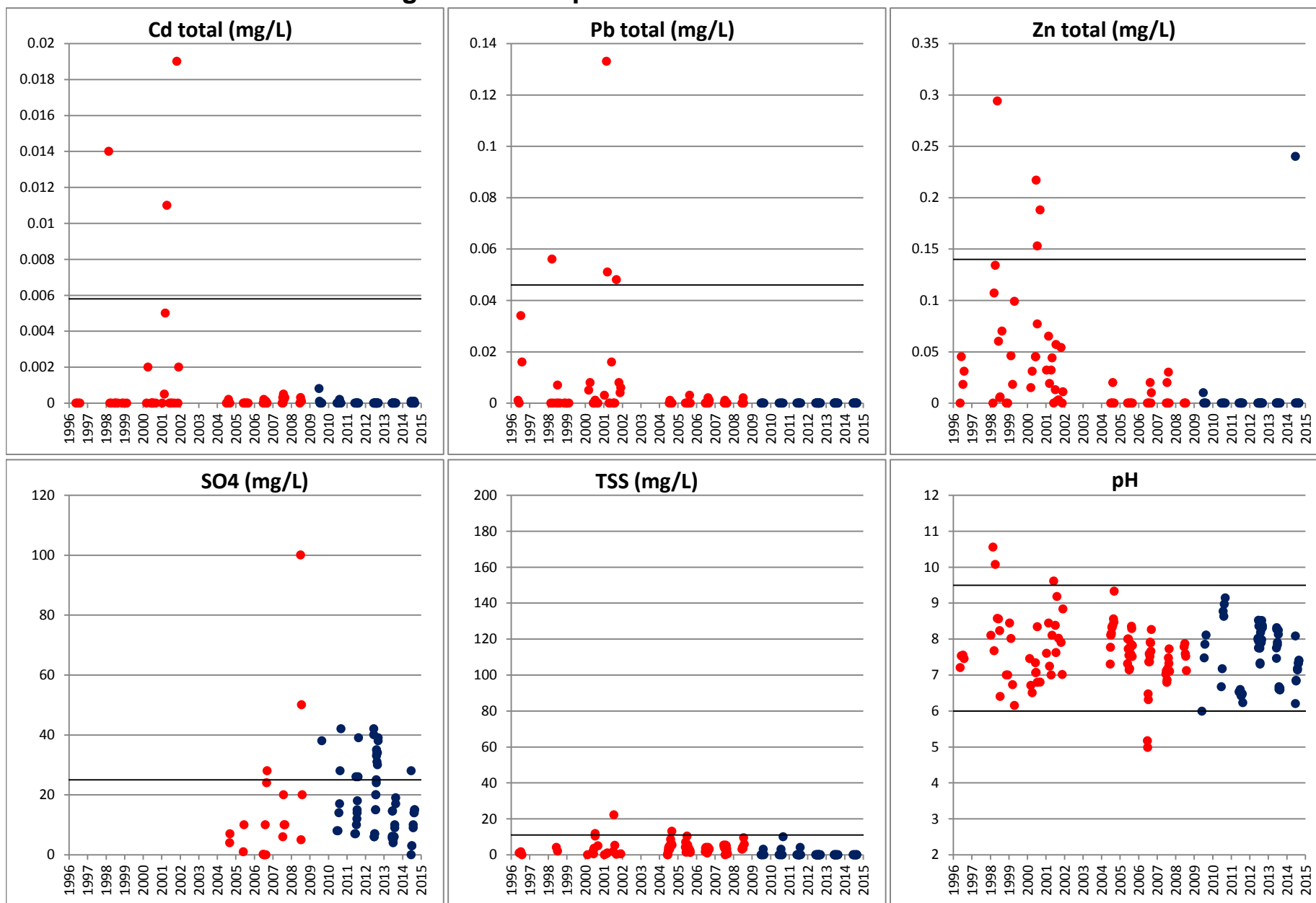


Figure E4: Temporal trends at Station NML-23



**Figure E5: Temporal trends at Station 159-14**

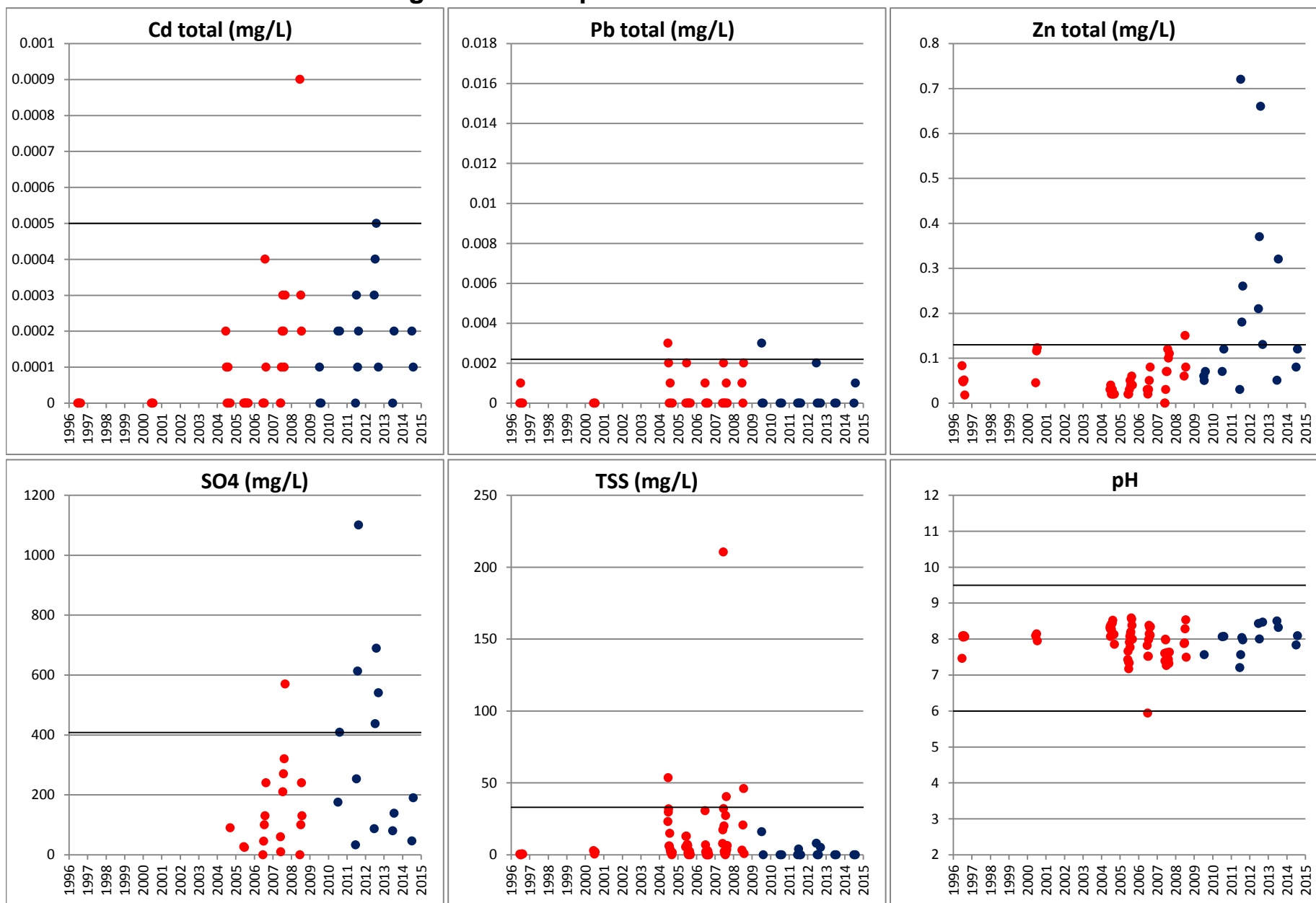


Figure E6: Temporal trends at Station 159-15

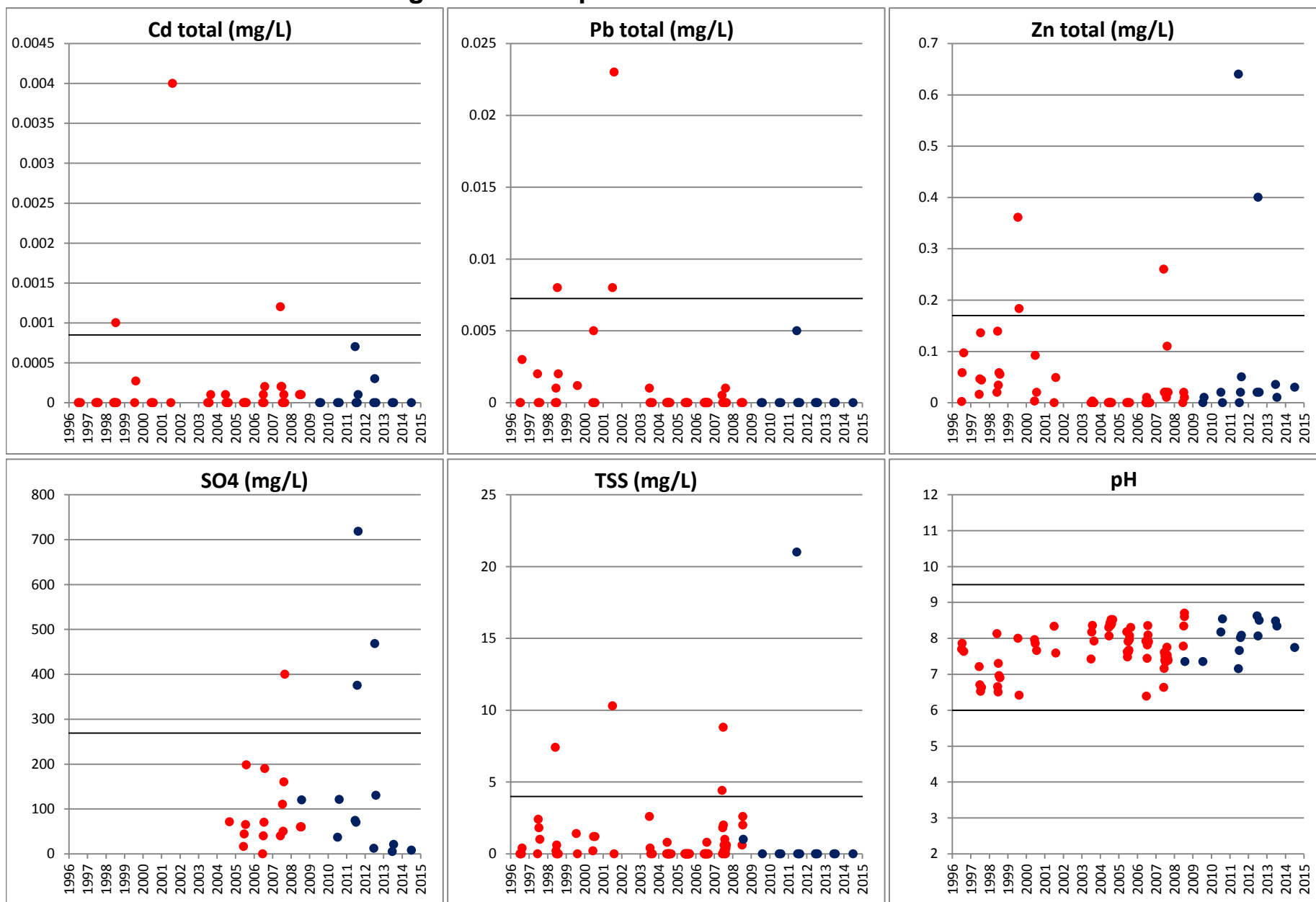




Figure E7: Temporal trends at Station 159-17

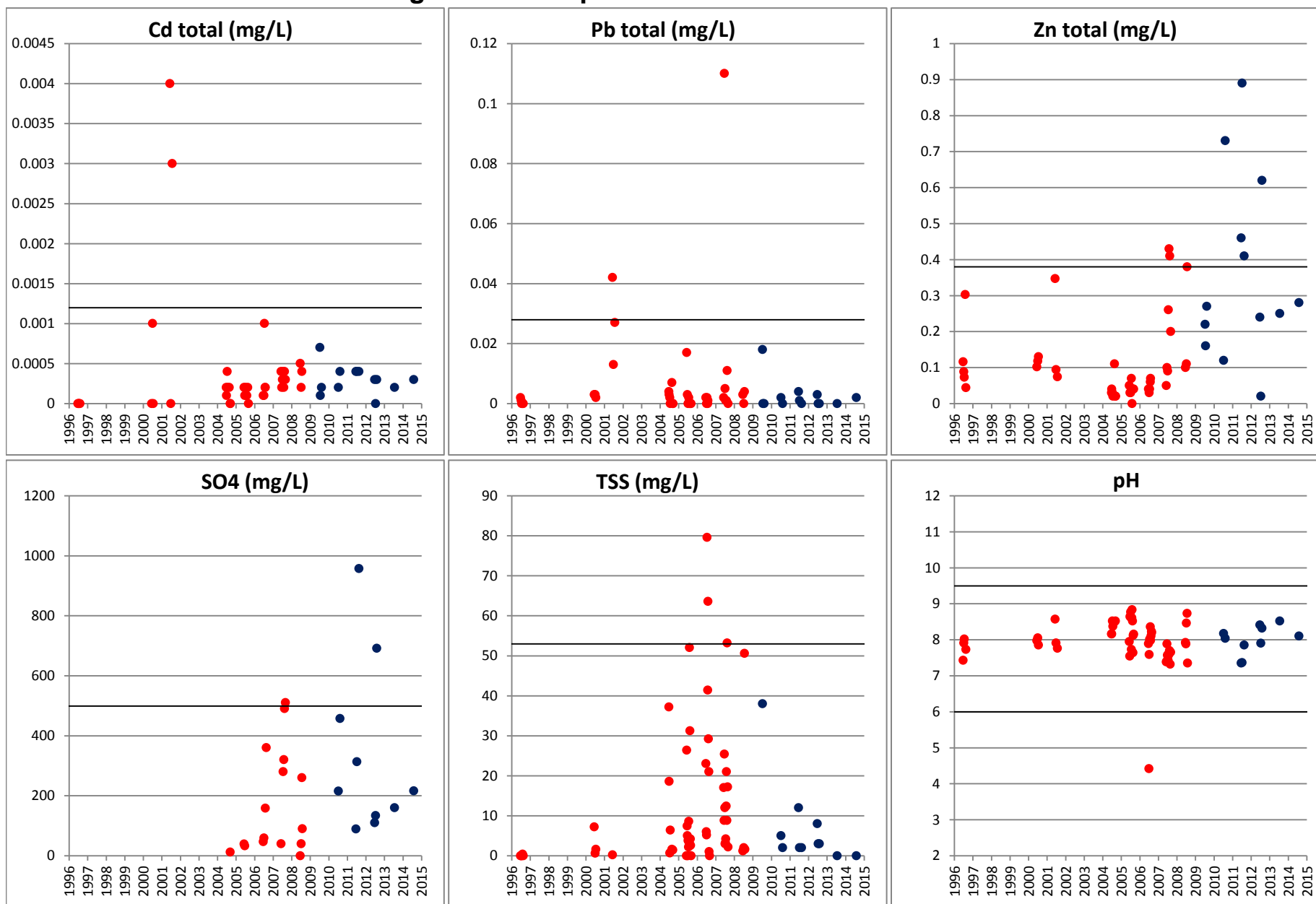


Figure E8: Temporal trends at Station NML-30

