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Item: NWB1NAN0208/Part G/Item 15 & 16

March 5, 2004

*By Email*

To: Nanisivik Distribution List

Subject: Review of *West Twin Disposal Area Closure Plan* and *Waste Disposal Plan* for Nanisivik Mine

Dear Parties,

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has received from CanZinco Limited, a revised version of the *Nanisivik Mine Waste Disposal Plan* ("Waste Disposal Plan"), which was submitted on March 3, 2004, as well as the *West Twin Disposal Area Closure Plan* ("WTDA Plan") which was submitted on March 5, 2004.

In regards to the Waste Disposal Plan, the original version of that report had been submitted on August 1, 2003. It was subsequently subjected to a public review. In the review, eighteen (18) items were identified as requiring further clarification and revision from CanZinco Limited. A letter that presented those 18 items, as well as some other peripheral concerns, was sent to CanZinco Limited on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The revised Plan, as well as correspondence related to it, is located on the NWB's FTP site at:

[http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1NAN0208%20Nanisivik/G%20\(16\)%20UG%20Disposal/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1NAN0208%20Nanisivik/G%20(16)%20UG%20Disposal/)

Although the August 1, 2003 report was already subjected to a public review, it is the NWB's decision that the revised Waste Disposal Plan must be included as a component in the forthcoming review of documents required under Part G of Licence NWB1NAN0208 ("Licence") for the closure and reclamation of Nanisivik Mine. As the revised Waste Disposal Plan contains new information and also integrates information from other documents that were not available at the time of the initial review (ex. Rock Piles and Pits Report), a second opportunity to review the Waste Disposal Plan is required.

The WTDA Plan has not been yet subjected to a public review. The submission of that document completes the information required under Part G of the Licence for the initiation of the formal review process for the closure and reclamation of Nanisivik Mine. The WTDA Plan is available on the NWB's FTP site at:

<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1NAN0208%20Nanisivik/Closure%20Plans/G15%20West%20Twin%20Disposal%20Closure%20Plan/>

In regards to the issue of reviewing the documents required under Part G of the Licence, the NWB has received a letter from Stephen Traynor, Director, Operations, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, which presents some concerns regarding the review schedule. Mr. Traynor's letter is attached to this correspondence.

In the spirit of operating with procedural fairness to all parties who intend to participate in the review process for the closure and reclamation of Nanisivik Mine, the NWB hereby requests that interested parties submit their suggestions for the proposed schedule, including potential dates for the public hearing, pre-hearing and technical meeting. Suggestions for a potential location to hold the pre-hearing and technical meeting are welcomed as well. Parties are requested to submit their ideas upon this issue by **5:00 pm (m.s.t), March 12, 2004**.

It should be also noted that although specific dates have not yet been established for the review process, all required information has been submitted; and as such it is the decision of the NWB that the official review will commence **Monday 8, 2004**.

Any questions regarding any issues brought forward in this letter can be addressed to me, or to Patrick Duxbury, NWB Mine Reclamation Coordinator.

Yours truly,  
(Original signed by)

Philippe di Pizzo  
Executive Director.  
Nunavut Water Board