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**Re: Review Schedule of Nanisivik Mine 2004 Reclamation and Closure Plan**

In response to your letter of February 9, 2004, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs would request that the Board consider the points made below in making its decision on how to implement the review of the submitted Plan.

We realize that CanZinc has advised the Board, in its letter of February 6, 2004, that the *West Twin Disposal Closure Plan* is being finalized and that it will be submitted shortly. Indian and Northern Affairs sees this report as a significant component of the overall Closure Plan, particularly in light of the concerns raised by the community with respect to tailings stability. For this reason, we will not consider the submission to be complete until the *West Twin Disposal Closure Plan* is available.

We would ask that timing of pre-hearings, public hearings and possible technical meetings be scheduled after the submission of all components of the Reclamation and Closure Plan.

Best regards,

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