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Item: NWB1NAN0208/Part G/Item 3

February 16, 2004

By Email

To: Nanisivik Distribution List
Subject: Nunavut Water Board's proposed timeline for the review of the *Nanisivik Mine 2004 Reclamation and Closure Plan*

Dear Parties,

Following the submission of CanZinco Limited's ("CanZinco") *Nanisivik Mine 2004 Reclamation and Closure Plan* ("Final Plan"), the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has given consideration to the review schedule for the Final Plan, including tentative dates for the pre- and public hearings, as well as a technical meeting.

Although the Final Plan is largely complete, the *West Twin Disposal Area Closure Plan* ("WTDA Plan") has not yet been submitted. Given the importance of the WTDA Plan to the overall project, the NWB will not consider the Final Plan to be complete until the WTDA Plan is submitted. It is for that reason that the NWB will not suggest specific dates for the technical meeting, pre-hearing or public hearing at this time. However, the NWB understands that the WTDA Plan is largely a compilation of reports that have already been filed previously by CanZinco; therefore much of the information to be contained therein is already available for technical review. CanZinco representatives have indicated to the NWB that the WTDA Plan should be submitted some time during the week of February 23rd, 2004.

The NWB strongly encourages all interested parties who intend to participate in the public hearing process to begin their respective technical reviews before the submission of the WTDA Plan. In order to provide direction to the review of the reports which have already been filed, the NWB suggests that the following schedule should be followed:

- A technical meeting will be held 30 days following the submission of the WTDA Plan. The meeting will be held in a location that is reasonably central to the widely dispersed number of organizations and consultants who will be likely participating. Interested parties who wish to pose questions or request clarification to CanZinco and its consultants will be advised to submit their questions to the NWB, in writing, seven full days before the technical meeting.
- The pre-hearing will be held in conjunction with the technical meeting. Prior to the pre-hearing, the NWB's Mine Reclamation Coordinator will visit Arctic Bay to solicit input from the residents of Arctic Bay regarding the hearing process. The community ideas and opinions will subsequently be presented at the pre-hearing and incorporated into any decisions made regarding the public hearing process.

- A public hearing will be held in Arctic Bay 60 days following the submission of the WTDA Plan.

It should also be noted here that a revised version of the Waste Disposal Plan (Item G16 of Water Licence NWB1NAN0208) is expected to be submitted. Pursuant to the NWB's January 6, 2004 letter requesting the submission of a revised Waste Disposal Plan, CanZinco has been granted until Saturday March 6, 2004 to resubmit this document. Considering that this is a submission of a revised report, the NWB does not believe that the review process for the Final Plan should be delayed until the Waste Disposal Plan is submitted. Moreover, CanZinco has indicated that the Waste Disposal Plan may be submitted earlier than its deadline. The NWB encourages CanZinco to strive to do this.

The NWB and its staff look forward to working with CanZinco, the community of Arctic Bay and all other interested parties to ensure that the reclamation of Nanisivik Mine leaves a positive legacy.

Any questions regarding this matter should be addressed to Philippe di Pizzo, NWB Executive Director, or to me.

Yours truly,
Original signed by

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