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Re: Nanisivik Mine Stability Evaluation and Mine Openings Closure Reports

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to comment on the Nanisivik Mine *Mine Stability Report* and *Mine Openings Closure Plan* submitted by CanZinco Ltd. (the Licencee) in accordance with Conditions 13(ii) and 13(iii) of the July 6, 2004, Letter of Approval and Water Licence NWB1NAN0208 (the Current Licence).

INAC's review of the *Mine Stability Report* and *Mine Openings Closure Plan* was undertaken with the assistance of EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. (EBA), and their sub-consultant Zostrich Geotechnical. In general, these reviews have identified that the level of engineering undertaken with respect to both the proposed evaluations of the long-term stability of the mine, and the proposed openings closure designs, may have been inadequate.

Included with INAC's letter are two letters of June 14 and 15, 2005, from Zostrich Geotechnical to EBA. We request that these, and the accompanying figures, be included as a component of INAC's submission on these reports.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Rogers at (867) 975-4550 if you have any further questions or concerns with respect to this submission.

Best regards,

Original signed by:

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