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NWB File No: 1AR-NAN2030

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Honourable Daniel Vandal, PC, MP
Minister of Northern Affairs
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Subject: Water Licence No. 1AR-NAN2030; Canzinc Mines Ltd. for Post-Closure Monitoring and Maintenance Activities at the Nanisivik Mine Site

Honourable Minister Daniel Vandal:

Please find enclosed, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) Decision regarding application to renew and amend the Type “A” Water Licence No: 1AR-NAN1419 (currently Licence No. 1AR-NAN1420). Previously, on December 23, 2014, the NWB issued the Licence No. 1AR-NAN1419 to Canzinc Mines Ltd. (Canzinc or Applicant), subsequently approved by the Minister on January 29, 2015. A Short Term Renewal (STR) Licence No. 1AR-NAN1420 was issued by the Board on November 15, 2019 and subsequently approved by the Minister on December 18, 2019.

The type “A” Water Licence No. 1AR-NAN2030 (the Licence) permits the use of water for the purposes of water sampling or monitoring only. No waste deposits can occur under this Licence.

On May 24, 2019, the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) issued its land use conformity determination associated with the application to renew and amend the existing Type “A” Water Licence No: 1AR-NAN1419 for post-closure monitoring of water quality and geotechnical stability at the former Nanisivik Mine. The NPC determined that because the application involves components and activities that were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) and does not constitute a significant modification, the application did not require further conformity review and impact assessment under Articles 11 and 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and

the provisions of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

On this basis, the NWB has concluded that the conformity and environmental assessment requirements for the application as required under ss. 38 and 39 of *the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, S.C. 2002, c. 10 (NWNSRTA)* have been met and the application could be processed by the NWB.

In accordance with s. 56 of the *NWNSRTA*, the above referenced Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision including the Record of Proceedings along with a copy of the Type “A” Water Licence, No. 1AR-NAN2030, for your consideration.

Should you have any questions and/or require clarification on the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

LT/as/rqd

Attachments: Renewal Water Licence No. 1AR-NAN2030 and Reasons for Decision

Cc: Nanisivik Mine distribution