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October 10, 2002

By Email and Regular Mail

The Honourable Robert D. Nault
Minister
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0H3

Subject: Licence NWB1NAN0208
Closure and Reclamation of the Nanisivik Mine, Nunavut

Dear Mr. Minister,

Please find enclosed for your review and consideration Licence NWB1NAN0208 duly approved by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). This licence authorizes CanZinco Limited to use water and dispose of waste in relation to the closure and reclamation of the Nanisivik Mine, Nunavut. Reasons for decision will be released under separate cover as soon as possible.

This approval is granted by the NWB pursuant to section 13.7.1 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* (NLCA) and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (Act). We understand and respect your view to the effect that you are required to approve this licence pursuant to section 56 of the Act, despite the clear language of section 13.7.1 of the NLCA giving the full authority to the NWB to approve any use of water and disposal of waste into water in Nunavut, and the precedence of the NLCA over any legislation in case of inconsistency or conflict. In this context, we are respectfully asking you to take whatever steps you feel are appropriate consistent with the NLCA and the Act.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Thomas Kudloo
Chair

Encl.: Licence NWB1NAN0208