



NIRB File No.: 06MN082

October 11, 2007

To: Zinifex Distribution List

Re: Zinifex High Lake Mine Project Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC), October 29-November 2, 2007

Dear Parties:

Yesterday the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a request (attached) from the federal parties, under Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) signature, to delay the upcoming meetings as referenced above. The request is based on concerns regarding the sufficiency of information such as baseline climate data, water seepage information, and so on. The federal parties are asking that the upcoming Technical Meeting and PHC for the proposed Zinifex High Lake Mine project be at least set aside until this information is gathered, for example via a series of interim teleconferences. In addition the Board received a similar request early this morning from the Government of Nunavut (GN) (attached).

Before making its decision, the Board would like to hear from the proponent (Zinifex Canada Inc.) and other parties regarding the delay request.

Given the proximity of the PHC meetings and NIRB's desire to respond quickly to the requests, please send your comments on this motion to NIRB by **Noon MST October 12, 2007** following which the Board will endeavor to give its decision and direction by the weekend. We appreciate this is very short notice but the Board is under scheduling timeframes and advertising guidelines some of which in fact have already passed.

Yours truly,

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Attachments: 071010-06MN082-INAC Ltr to NIRB Re Technical Meeting & PHC-IMAE
071011-06MN082-GN Ltr to NIRB Re Technical Meeting & PHC-IMAE

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