



NIRB File No.: 06MN082

February 8, 2008

To: Zinifex High Lake Distribution List

Re: Technical Meeting Wrap-Up and Commitments

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) would like to thank all Parties including the Public and Zinifex Canada Inc. (Zinifex) for their participation in NIRB's Technical Meeting for the Zinifex High Lake (NIRB File #06MN082) Part 5 Review. On February 1, 2008, the NIRB held Follow-up Sessions in Vancouver to complete the Zinifex High Lake Technical Meeting.

Following discussions at the Follow-up Session, additional commitments were brought forward by Parties. The NIRB is providing an updated *draft* List of Commitments (List) as of February 1, 2008 for your consideration. The *draft* List incorporates edits and comments received by Parties on January 25, 2008 as well as additional comments and commitments identified during the Follow-up Session. The NIRB requests Parties to review the updated *draft* List and submit written comments and/or edits by **February 28, 2008**.

During the Follow-up Session, Parties also revealed that the Technical Review of the High Lake Project Proposal would not be complete until the results of the climate variability model and water quality and quantity model are provided for review and workshops for both are held. At this time, the NIRB is requesting that Zinifex confirm the dates for when the results from the models will be available for review and when the workshops will be held.

As well, additional unresolved issues identified by Parties during the Follow-up Session are listed below:

- 1) Provide mitigation or compensation measures for impacts to fish and fish habitat from water withdrawal of lakes L4 and L5;
- 2) Provide final design details and drawings on the proposed new dock design for Grays Bay and include a discussion on all operations and activities associated with the dock, as well as the discussion on all operations and activities associated with the dock, as well as the potential impacts and mitigation measures; and,
- 3) Provide a comprehensive *draft* Air Quality Emissions Management Plan. The plan should include mitigation measures to limit the frequency and duration of exposures of airborne dust and particulate matter to workers.

The above items will be required by Parties prior to the pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) for review and to provide comments on. The NIRB requests that Zinifex provide the expected dates of submission for the above outstanding issues to Parties.

The NIRB requests that Zinifex please confirm the dates for the above mentioned items by February 14, 2008.

Comments on the updated *draft* List can be submitted to the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca, or by fax (1-867-983-2594) no later than **February 28, 2008**.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Sophia Granchinho at (867) 983-4607, or via email at sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: #1 *Draft* Commitment List as of February 1, 2008