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RE: Screening of the Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Nanisivik Site:

In response to your letter of March 20, 2002 Environment Canada is providing the following comments for your consideration:

You have indicated that NIRB will be screening the abandonment and restoration plan for the Nanisivik Mine and would like our input on a series of questions;

1. Should the A&R Plan be the subject of a (public) review under the NLCA?

Environment Canada recognizes that the interim A&R plan for the Nanisivik mine has gone through previous reviews with the water licences renewals that have been issued for this mine. For each of these water licence renewals there has been a public hearing which included full review of the interim A&R plan. The A&R plan that is before the Nunavut Water Board is a continuation of the interim A&R plan which will be finalized for the NWB approval once phase II information has been incorporated. EC is of the understanding that with appropriate mitigation in place and with monitoring over time to verify that the mitigation is performing as identified that this project will not cause significant adverse effects to the receiving environment.

Therefore EC's opinion is that a NIRB full review is not required as identified by sec 12.4.4(a) of the NLCA.

2. The Board needs to know if there are any other relevant permits, certificates, licences or other government approvals (authorizations) that CanZinco may require to implement the A&R Closure Plan.

Given the information that was provided in the A&R plan Environment Canada requires no authorizations or permits.

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (867) 669-4733 or email stephen.harbicht@ec.gc.ca

Sincerely

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