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Dear Ms. Briscoe:

In response to your letter of March 20, 2002 and in particular the three questions that you asked of us, please find set out below for your consideration, our responses.

1. We agree with the position that you have taken that the Closure and Reclamation Plan filed by CanZinco Ltd. on February 28, 2002 falls within the definition of a Project Proposal as set out at Section 1.1.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.
2. Assuming the completeness of our Closure and Reclamation Plan, and subject to our undertaking to correct any deficiencies that might be identified, it is our view that a screening by NIRB is all that is required. We believe that this closure is unlikely to arouse significant public concern as it has been known to be pending for some time. In any case, it is something that is unfortunately unavoidable due to depressed metal prices. The adverse impacts (both sociological and economical) are unlikely to be significant. As well, the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be mitigated with known technology as is demonstrated by our Closure and Reclamation Plan. Considering all of these facts, it is our view that a Section 12.4.4 (a) determination is warranted.
3. Our existing Water Licence has been extended to September 30, 2002 from its original expiration date of June 30, 2002. An application for a renewal Water Licence for a further seven years is currently being prepared and such a renewal Licence will take us through to the completion of our abandonment program. Therefore, in response to your second question, we will need a renewal of a somewhat abbreviated Water Licence, which we expect to file shortly.

I trust that this adequately puts forward our position in response to the issues that you have raised. If you have any questions or concerns with respect to anything set out above, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to clarify our stand on the issues.

Yours truly,

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Bill Heath
General Manager