



NIRB File No. 02MC117
NWB Licence No.: NWB1NAN0208

July 4, 2008

Mr. Robert Carreau
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Re: Application Acknowledgement for CanZinco Limited's Renewal Request with the Nunavut Water Board for its Nanisivik Mine Project

Dear Mr. Robert Carreau:

On May 5, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for a renewal to CanZinco Limited's Water License (NWB1NAN0208) for the Nanisivik Mine Project. On June 19, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission in respect of this project proposal.

The Nanisivik Mine project was commissioned in 1972 and closed in October 2002. The project is now entering the final stage of reclamation and commencing the post closure monitoring phase (2008-2012). The pending renewal of the NWB license is meant to cover this stage of the project.

The original application for the project associated with this current application was the *Closure and Reclamation Plan for Nanisivik Mine* project proposal, received by the NIRB in July, 2002 from the NWB. The project proposal was assigned NIRB file number **02MC117** and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On October 7, 2002 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the NWB allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

The following components/activities are included in the current application:

- Environmental monitoring of water quality
- Geothermal monitoring
- Adjustments deemed appropriate to meet committed objectives
- Site facilities operation to support post closure monitoring activities

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/2008_AMENDMENTS_RENEWALS/02MN117-CanZinco%20Limited%20-%20Nanisivik/ including:

- *NWB Renewal Notice*
- *Arctic Bay CLO Email to NWB-IMAE.msg*
- *CanZinco Letter to NWB Re License*
- *Water Quality Monitoring Report*
- *Geotech Monitoring Schedule Memo*
- *NPC Conformity*

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the renewal does not *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is proposing to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached November October 7, 2002 Screening Decision, which is deemed valid for the post closure monitoring phase, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB feels are appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 25, 2008**.

NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed components or activities are part of the original proposal;
- whether its renewal would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette by email at lpayette@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan, at (867) 983-4606 or liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Li Wan - Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Cc: Distribution List
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Attachments:
October 7, 2002 Screening Decision Report