



Parent Company of Canadian Zinc

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Dear Ms. Murray:

Re: **Prairie Creek Mine, MV2019L2-0006, Effluent Treatment Plan and Minewater Treatment Contingency Plan Updates**

We refer to the Board's letter dated June 30, 2020 which requires Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) to submit an Effluent Treatment Plan Version 3 and Minewater Treatment Contingency Plan Version 3 by October 25, 2020, for Board approval. The updated plans were to include comments made during review.

We note that, as directed, updated plans were provided to the Board on October 15, 2020. However, Board staff advised that the assumption was that the updated plans would reflect conclusions made with respect to potential needs for further water treatment system improvements based on the results of the 2020 treatment season. CZN advised that it is too soon to make such conclusions because water treatment, and water sample collection, is still on-going, and conclusions have not yet been drawn. As such, Board staff advised CZN to ask for an extension to the date for the submission of updated plans.

There will be a hiatus in water treatment over the winter when mine water flows cease due to freezing conditions. Water treatment usually resumes in early June. Therefore, the updated plans need to be provided with enough time for review and approval prior to early June. Consequently, we propose that the submission date for updated plans be amended to February 25, 2021.

Sincerely,

David P. Harpley
VP, Environment and Permitting Affairs