Canadian Zinc Corporation - Prairie Creek All Season Road (ASR) - Independent Technical Review Panel Terms of Reference (MV2014F0013; MV2014L8-0006; MV2019L8-0002; PC2014F0013; and PC2014L8-0006) (MVLWB)

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**Item Description**

**Introduction**

Canadian Zinc Corporation (CZN) has submitted a Terms of Reference for the Independent Technical Review Panel (ITRP) for the All Season Road Project (Project). The ITRP, including the Terms of Reference, is required through Measure 5-1 of the Report of Environmental Assessment (REA) and Reasons for Decision for the Project (EA1415-01).

**Jurisdiction**

Parks Canada is the regulator for lands within Nahanni National Park Reserve (NNPR) under the Canada National Parks Act. The Board is the regulator for the rest of the ASR, including the Indian Affairs Branch (IAB) lands.

**History**

The Project consists of an All Season Road (ASR), beginning at the intersection of the Liard Highway (km 184) and ending at Prairie Creek Mine (km 0). The total ASR length is 170 km, in addition to an existing 10-km Nahanni Butte access road.

Permit and Licence applications for the ASR were received by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB or the Board) and Parks Canada on April 23, 2014. The Applications were distributed for review on May 2, 2014. Reviewer comments were due on May 15, 2014, and proponent responses were due on May 21, 2014. On May 22, 2014, the Board referred the Applications to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) for environmental assessment (EA). A REA was released on September 12, 2017. On October 9, 2018, the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, as the federal Minister, with concurrence from all responsible ministers, provided approval of the EA. On October 9, 2018, the Board and Parks Canada jointly required CZN to submit a Post-REA Information Package. On February 20, 2019, CZN submitted a Response (Post-REA Information Package) to the Board and Parks Canada’s Information Request (IR). The IR was deemed complete and distributed for review on March 12, 2019, and reviewer comments were due on April 24, 2019. On May 15, 2019, the proponent responses were due. A technical session was held in Yellowknife by Board staff and Parks Canada from June 5-7, 2019. On August 8, 2019 proposed members of the Independent Technical Review Panel, as required through Measure 5-1, Part 2 of EA1415-01, were approved by the Board and Parks Canada. On August 8, 2019 Board staff and Parks Canada distributed draft land use permits and water licences for review. Review comments were received on September 6, 2019 and proponent responses were received on September 9, 2019.

Reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations on the Terms of Reference using the Online Review System (ORS) by the review comment deadline specified below. Please note that both Parks Canada and the Board are using the ORS to gather comments, therefore all comments will be considered by both jurisdictions at the same time. If reviewers seek clarification on the submission, they are encouraged to correspond directly with the proponent prior to submitting comments and recommendations.

**Contact us:**

All documents that have been uploaded to this review are also available on our public Registry. If you have any questions about this review, please contact the Board staff and/or the Parks Canada staff identified below. If you have any questions specifically about the ORS, please contact Board staff identified below.

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