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File: MV2016C0037 & MV2021L8-0008

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Sent by email

Dear Mark Cliffe-Phillips,

**Re: Slave Lake Zinc – O'Connor Lake Project – Notice of Preliminary Screening Determination – Applications for Land Use Permit MV2016C0037 and Water Licence MV2021L8-0008 – Mining Exploration – O'Connor Lake, NT**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (Board) met on September 9, 2021 and considered the Applications from Slave Lake Zinc (SLZ) for a Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2016C0037 Amendment Request and Water Licence (Licence) MV2021L8-0008 Application for the O'Connor Lake Project (Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board conducted a preliminary screening based on the public record for the proceeding. Based on the evidence provided, the Board is satisfied the screening has been completed according to section 125 of the MVRMA and has decided **not to refer** the Project to environmental assessment. The Board's Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision, as required by section 121 of the MVRMA, is attached.

If the Board does not receive notice of referral to environmental assessment, it can proceed with issuance of the amended Permit MV2016C0037 and Licence MV2021L8-0008 on **Tuesday September 21, 2021**.

The Board and staff look forward to continued communications throughout the pause period. Please contact Shelagh Montgomery at (867) 766-7457 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Mavis Cli-Michaud

Chair, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board

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Attached: Preliminary Screening Determination and Reasons for Decision