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BROKERED FINANCING CANCELLED; ALTERNATIVE FINANCING PURSUED

Canadian Zinc Corporation (“the Company”) has cancelled its previously announced brokered private placement with Raymond James Limited due to market conditions. (See news release dated June 7 2002.)

In the meantime, in order to not delay the start of exploration work at the Company’s newly acquired Damoti Lake high grade gold project in the Northwest Territories, the Company is pursuing alternative financing arrangements on a non-brokered basis. Such financing will involve both “Super Flow Through Shares” and “Non Flow Through Units” consisting of one (non flow through) common share and one half of one share purchase warrant. Proceeds from the financings will be used at Damoti Lake to commence exploration and drilling on this high-grade gold property. Funds will also be expended at the Company’s Prairie Creek base metal property. Non-Flow through funds will be expended on general working capital.

The Company expects to re-arrange the major financing for the remainder of the 2002 exploration program as soon as market conditions permit.

Canadian Zinc signed an option on the 4600-hectare Damoti Lake high-grade gold project with Doublestar Resources Ltd. in June 2002. Both Companies recognised an opportunity to further explore and expand the gold potential on the property. For a complete review of the Company and the Damoti Lake Project, please visit our web site at www.canadianzinc.com

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