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File: MV2023L2-0006

Todd Martin
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Sent by e-mail

Dear Todd Martin,

Re: Cantung Mine – Mining and Milling – Water Licence Application – Liard First Nation Submission

On July 6, 2023, Board staff received a Renewal Application (Application) for a type A Water Licence (Licence) MV2023L2-0006¹ for mining and milling activities from North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. (NATCL). On November 1, 2023, Board staff sent Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminated Areas Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) an Information Request (IR)² requesting further information about the financial security of the Cantung Mine site to assist the Board determine if paragraph 72.03(5)(d) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* is satisfied for the Application.

On November 9, 2023 during the public review of the draft Licence conditions, Liard First Nation requested that adequate time be given for Liard First Nation to formulate a response to CIRNAC-CARD's IR response.³ CIRNAC-CARD responded to the IR on November 17, 2023.⁴ Closing Arguments for the Application were due to the Board by November 22, 2023 as per the Work Plan – Version 5.⁵

¹ See the MVLWB Online Registry www.mvlwb.com for [MV2023L2-0006](#).

² See the MVLWB Online Registry for [NATCL – Type A Licence Renewal Application – Information Request – Nov 1 23](#).

³ See the LWB Online Review System for [Cantung Mining and Milling – Type A Renewal Licence Application – Draft Licence Conditions](#); Liard First Nation, comment 2.

⁴ See the MVLWB Online Registry for [NATCL – Type A Renewal Application – IR Response from CIRNAC-CARD – Nov 17 23](#); [NATCL – Type A Renewal Application – Links for IR Response from CIRNAC-CARD – Nov 17 23](#).

⁵ See the MVLWB Online Registry for [NATCL – Type A Renewal Application – Work Plan – Version 5 – Oct 17 23](#).

On November 28, 2023, following the due date for Closing Arguments, Liard First Nation submitted a response to CIRNAC-CARD's IR response to the Board.⁶ Board staff recognize that Liard First Nation had requested additional time to respond to the IR response before the deadline for Closing Arguments, and that the submission made to the Board from Liard First Nation after the due date for Closing Arguments is related to the passing of three Kaska Elders in the community. The submission will be accepted by the Board.

NATCL will have a chance to respond to Liard First Nation's submission in their Closing Arguments that will now be due by **Tuesday December 5, 2023**. NATCL's response can include input from CIRNAC-CARD if appropriate.

Please contact Kathy Racher via [email](#) or at (867) 766-7457 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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⁶ See the MVLWB Online Registry for [NATCL – Type A Renewal – Liard First Nation Response to Security Matters – Nov 28, 23](#).