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Re: MV2023L2-0006 North American Tungsten Ltd. - Type A Water Licence Renewal – Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Closing Remarks

Dear Ms. Murray;

Crown-Indigenous Relation and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) - Resource and Land Management (RLM) is providing closing remarks to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) in regards to North American Tungsten Ltd. (NATCL) request for renewal of the Type A Water Licence for mining and milling activities at the Cantung Site.

North American Tungsten Ltd. submitted a renewal application for a Type A Water Licence. The purpose of this application is to allow NATCL to continue licenced activities at the Cantung site while the regulatory proceeding for Permit MV2023D0010 and Licence MV2023L2-0001 is ongoing. North American Tungsten Ltd. has not proposed any changes to the scope of the licence; indicating that it would be the same scope as the current Licence MV2015L2-0003.

As part of the proceeding, CIRNAC-RLM submitted comments on the Type A Water Licence Renewal Application as well as the Draft Water Licence Conditions through the Online Review System. The submission made by CIRNAC - Contaminated Areas Remediation Division (CARD) in response to the Information Request issued by the MVLWB has also been reviewed by CIRNAC-RLM with no comments or concerns identified.

CIRNAC-RLM do not have any unresolved comments related to this proceeding and would encourage the MVLWB to proceed with submission of the Type A Water Licence Renewal and reasons for decision to the Minister of Northern Affairs for approval. This will allow for care and maintenance activities at the Cantung Site to remain under an active water licence while regulatory proceedings for Water Licence MV2023L2-0001 and Land Use Permit MV2023D0010 are underway. Additionally, CIRNAC - RLM will continue its compliance monitoring and enforcement role for the Cantung Site as outlined in the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and Mackenzie Valley Federal Areas Waters Regulations.

Regards;

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