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Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board  
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Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P6

Attention: Kimberley Murray

Dear Ms. Murray,

**Re: MV2015L2-0003 Extension Request**

North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd (“NATC”) continues to conduct care and maintenance (“C&M”) activities at the Cantung Mine, including monitoring and management tasks pursuant to water licence MV2015L2-0003, which expires on January 27, 2024 (the “Current Licence”). Accordingly, NATC is in the process of permitting and relicensing the continued C&M activities with proceedings ongoing as files MV2023D0010 and MV2023L2-0001 (the “Ongoing Proceedings”).

Given the timing of the Ongoing Proceedings, which are for a longer-term renewal (10 years), and the related delays that have arisen due to various process-related factors including the extended duration of pre-application engagement, extension to party comment period, additional information requests, and the procedural and schedule uncertainty associated with the type of licence being applied for, it is reasonably expected that the Ongoing Proceedings will continue into early 2024 beyond the expiry of the Current Licence. Accordingly, NATC is applying for a new Type A water licence (the “Extension Licence”<sup>1</sup>) to continue its current licenced activities until the Ongoing Proceedings are complete and MV2023D0010 and MV2023L2-0001 are issued, which at this time, is reasonably expected to occur in the first half of 2024.

The scope of the Extension Licence is the same as the Current Licence: no new activities are planned, and similarly, no changes to the Current Licence’s terms and conditions or approved management plans are proposed. Given there are no changes to the project, NATC respectfully requests that the application for the Extension Licence be treated in a similar manner to a Short Term Renewal<sup>2</sup> wherein a public hearing is not required and the regulatory process is expedited.

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<sup>1</sup> While NATC understands that a new Type A water licence is required, for clarity it is referring to this as the Extension Licence (or Application) as it is intended to extend the duration of the current licenced activities.

<sup>2</sup> Section 6.2, Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley Guide to the Water Licencing Process (2021).

NATC believes that keeping the Current Licence's terms and conditions active through the Extension Licence, and administration of an expedited process is in the public interest. We appreciate the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's consideration of this request and ongoing cooperation regarding the various aspects related to Cantung licencing and permitting. Please feel free to contact the undersigned at 604.639.0847 or vchan@alvarezandmarsal.com should you have any questions or require additional information.

Yours truly,

**North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.  
by its Monitor, Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc.  
acting in its capacity as Monitor of NATC and not  
in its personal capacity**



Vicki Chan  
Vice President

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