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Dear Ms. Murray:

**Cantung Mining and Milling Type A Renewal Licence Application - MV2023L2-0006 – Request for Closing Arguments**

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On July 14, 2023, North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. (NATC) submitted a renewal application to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board). This application proposes that the Board renew Water Licence MV2015L2-0003 for a period of twenty-four (24) months with no other proposed changes to the existing Licence. The general rationalization for the Water Licence renewal by NATC is that the current Type A Water Licence will expire on January 27, 2024, and that NATC is in the process of permitting and relicensing the on-going Care and Maintenance activities with the new Type B water licencing proceeding (MV2023L2-0001).

The Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT-ECC) provided initial comments on this application on August 04, 2023, and NATC responded on August 11, 2023. On September 25, 2023, GNWT-ECC submitted a letter to the Board stating it would not submit a written intervention as part of the renewal proceeding but would continue participating as appropriate. The Board then cancelled the Public Hearing on October 23, 2023.

GNWT-ECC's position is that the approval of this Water Licence Renewal is administrative and should occur before the existing MV2015L2-0003 Water Licence expires. GNWT-ECC has no concerns or recommendations for the Board's consideration for the administrative renewal proceeding. GNWT-ECC notes that this position is consistent with other Intervenors, and we are unaware of any significant issues that require discussion in the form of closing arguments. As such, GNWT-ECC is not submitting closing arguments for this proceeding. GNWT-ECC will continue to participate in the Type B MV2023L2-0001 proceeding.

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bill Pain, Environmental Scientist, at (867) 767-9234 Ext: 53117 or email [Bill.Pain@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Bill.Pain@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,



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