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Dear Ms. Murray:

Cantung Mining and Milling Type A Renewal Licence Application - MV2023L2-0006 – Request for Intervention

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 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.

In GNWT-ECC's initial application comments submitted to the Board, GNWT-ECC requested clarification on the water licencing criteria for the new Type B proceeding. GNWT-ECC has reviewed the responses provided by NATC and will provide further comments and recommendations on this topic as part of the Type B water licencing proceeding (MV2023L2-0001). GNWT-ECC has also reviewed NATC's response on the term associated with this 24-month renewal and has no further comment on this topic. As such, GNWT-ECC has no additional comments or recommendations on the application for a 24-month term renewal of the existing Licence. GNWT-ECC will not submit a written intervention as part of the renewal proceeding but will continue to participate in the proceeding as appropriate.

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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.

Sincerely,



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