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On behalf of the Naha Dehe Dene Band (NDDDB), I am writing to provide comments and make recommendations on Liard First Nation (LFN)'s Request for Ruling regarding MV2023L2-0006 Extension of the Cantung Mine Water Licence.

NDDDB stated in its initial comments on this application (in August) that it finds this application to be an administrative process to ensure that there is no gap in the Board's regulation of the Cantung Mine while the primary application for a new Water Licence is under review. The current Water Licence expires in January 2024 and is not possible for a new Water Licence to be in place by that time. NDDDB understands that the extension Water Licence will simply be a continuation of the current Water Licence. As such, NDDDB stated that it does not see the need for a Technical Session or Public Hearing for the extension application. It is most important to NDDDB that the Extension is in place prior to expiry of the current Licence to ensure that the Licence requirements and public reporting continue without a gap; this was the basis of NDDDB's initial comments.

NDDDB believes that Board process and timelines should be respected to ensure fairness to all parties; NDDDB strives to meet Board timelines for this reason. However, exceptions should also be considered and NDDDB understands there was a conflict with LFN's fall hunt. NDDDB sees no reason why the LFN intervention should not be considered provided this does not compromise the timely authorization of the Extension.

NDDDB notes that the LFN intervention supports the Licence extension with 2 conditions and NDDDB sees no reason why the LFN intervention would affect the Board's workplan for issuance of the Extension. Specifically:

Re condition 1: Existing water users are listed in the Renewal/Amendment Application and not in the Water Licence. Therefore, the Licence does not need to be amended in this respect. LFN's condition mirrors a previous recommendation provided by NDDDB in which NDDDB recommended that future applications should acknowledge Indigenous water users. NDDDB recommends against a change to this Application at this stage of the review process as this would compromise timely issuance of the Extension. NDDDB and LFN's concern is on the public record. NDDDB recommends that the MVLWB acknowledge this concern in its Reasons for Decision and provide assurance that identification of Indigenous water users will be required in future applications. NDDDB

recommends that issuance of this Extension proceed per the Board's workplan.
Re condition 2: NDDDB has no specific comment on the LFN request and notes that NDDDB will also continue to document its rights for the public record related to the Cantung Mine.

Best

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To the NATCL/Cantung Distribution List,

This email pertains to the [Cantung Mining and Milling Type A Renewal Licence Application](#).

On October 19, 2023, Liard First Nation (LFN) submitted a Request for Ruling (the Request) per the LWB [Rules of Procedure](#). This Request is for the Board to consider LFN's late [Intervention](#) as per Rule 93 of the *Rules of Procedure*. The deadline for Interventions was detailed in [Version 4 of the Work Plan](#).

Reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations on the Request attached to the email by **October 31, 2023**. Reviewers may also wish to consider providing an overarching recommendation regarding whether the Board should approve the Request, to provide context for the comments and recommendations and assist the Board with its decision. Before the Board makes its decision, Liard First Nation will be given the opportunity to respond to comments by **November 7, 2023**. Please email kmurray@mvlwb.com with comments and responses on the Request.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions,
-Kim

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