



May 31, 2024

Dr. Kathy Racher, Executive Director
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Sent via Email

RE: MV2023L2-0001 North American Tungsten Ltd. Care and Maintenance Water Licence Application – Legal Interpretation – When would a type B licence replace a type A licence – Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Response to Review Comments

Dear Dr. Racher;

During the public review of North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. (NATCL's) type B Water Licence Application, NATCL, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), and the Government of the Northwest Territories – Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT-ECC) provided differing views on whether the proposed activities required a type A or type B licence. On November 20, 2023, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) issued Information Request #3 to NATCL, CIRNAC, and GNWT-ECC to gather more information regarding the differing views on the type of licence NATCL requires to conduct care and maintenance at the Cantung Mine Site. All three parties provided responses to Information Request #3 by February 23, 2024.

On April 04, 2024, the MVLWB circulated the responses to Information Request #3 from NATCL, CIRNAC, and GNWT-ECCC for public review and comment.

CIRNAC - Resource and Land Management (CIRNAC-RLM) reviewed the comments received from parties regarding the differing views of the issue. We appreciate the time and effort of the parties who prepared responses and respect the views and opinions that have been shared. We do not have any response to the comments received at this time and look forward to the ruling issued by the MVLWB in the future.

If there are any additional questions or if clarification is required, please contact the undersigned at megan.larose@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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