## Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board



August 29, 2002

Society of North American Tungsten Public Shareholders (SNAtPS) c/o Joan Schollar 5134 Forrest Drive North Yellowknife, NT X1A 2W4

Phone/fax: 873-3853

Dear Ms. Schollar:

Re: SNAtPS August 12th letter to the Review Board

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) has received SNAtPS' Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> letter and the attached Identification of Environmental Assessment Roles form requesting that SNAtPS be granted status as a Directly Affected Party in the environmental assessment of the CanTung mine.

Prior to making a decision on whether or not to grant the requested status, the Review Board would like to obtain additional information from SNAtPS. Specifically, the Review Board is interested in why SNAtPS believes it should be granted status in this EA separate from North American Tungsten (NAT) given that it is expected that NAT is acting in the best interests of its shareholders. Please include an explanation of how SNAtPS' interests differ from those of the company as well as a description of the evidence that SNAtPS could provide to the Review Board that could not be provided directly by NAT.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (867) 766-7052 or jacorn@mveirb.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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**Environmental Assessment Officer**