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**Re: North American Tungsten Water Licence Application N3L2-0004 Public Hearing**

Dear Mr. Christensen,

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board is presently conducting a public hearing pursuant to section 24 of the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA) in regard to the North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. application for a renewal of water licence N3L2-004. The hearing is limited to the question of whether a preliminary screening of the water licence application is required based on the interpretation of section 157.1 of the MVRMA and the nature of the licence renewal.

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) has the power to consider and 'self refer' applications to environmental assessment under section 126 (3) of the MVRMA. Section 126 (3) reads:

Notwithstanding and determination on a preliminary screening, the Review Board may conduct an environmental assessment of a proposal for a development on its own motion.

Please clarify how the aforementioned MVLWB public hearing regarding the preliminary screening, notwithstanding the outcome, affects the MVEIRB's ability to conduct an environmental assessment of the proposed water licence renewal application based on the MVEIRB's own motion.

Sincerely,

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