### North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Community Consultations &

Archaeological Site Research

### Fax

To:	Mr. Joseph Handley	From:	Udo von Doehren	
Fax:	867-873-0481	Pages:	2	
Phone	•	Date:	02/08/01	
Re:	Manpower Schedule	CC:		
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• Com	ments:			

Dear Mr. Handley,

Attached the Manpower Schedule that you requested. It is based on 3 crews – but does not include the turn-around crew for certain job categories. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Best regards,

Udo von Doehren

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February 7, 2001

VIA FAX: 867-873-6610

Mr. Ken Weagle – Executive Director Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board 7<sup>th</sup> Floor – 4910 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue Box 2130 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P6

Dear Mr. Weagle,

Thank you for meeting with Mr. Brent Murphy of EBA Engineering and myself and for affording the opportunity to first hand inform you of our plans and issues with respect to the planned re-opening of the CanTung mine.

We appreciated your comments, suggestions and expression of support for the re-start of operations.

We are committed to maintain the mutually beneficial working relationship with the NWT Government, it's Regulatory Authorities and other interested parties for the benefit of all the stakeholders.

We will keep you informed.

Yours very truly, North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Udo E. von Doehren President & C.E.O.

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Project:

North American Tungsten Corp.

Date:

April 11, 2001

Event:

Meeting with the President of North American Tungsten,

Chief and Sub Chief of Fort Liard, and Chief of Nahanni

Butte

Location:

Fort Liard, NWT

### Purpose:

- Introduce the President of North American Tungsten to the Chiefs and business leaders of Fort Liard.;
- Provide the Chiefs with a project update;
- Open dialogue between the President and the community;
- Identify services that could be drawn upon by the company;
- Invite Fort Liard businesses to participate in contract bidding.

Key Participants: Udo von Doehren, Chief Judy Kotchea, Sub-Chief Jim

Duntra, and Chief Leon Konisenta

### Notes:

### The President outlined the following:

- Timing and issues to bring the project back into production.
- Provide the Chiefs with a project update.
- Open dialogue between the President and the community.
- Identify services that could be drawn upon by the company:
- Invite Fort Liard businesses to participate in contract bidding.
- General personnel requirements.
- Types of contract services that will be required
- Informed the Chiefs that the Kaska First Nations had approached North American Tungsten regarding contracts, employment opportunities and an expressed statement of interest in the townsite.

### The Chiefs made the following points:

- · They would like a trip to the mine site
- There are some common business interests between the Kaska and Acho Dene Koe
- The Deh Cho First Nations do not have the final say in each region
- Fort Simpson is not considered an impacted community
- The Kaska, Fort Liard and Nahanni Butte are the groups to deal with
- Mining is a new industry for Fort Liard
- Business capacities are limited with respect to mining

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

Project:

North American Tungsten Corp.

Date:

April 12, 2001

Event:

Meeting with the President of North American Tungsten and

Nahanni National Park representatives

Location:

Fort Simpson, NWT

### Purpose:

 This meeting was the second meeting between NTC and Parks Canada held at the request of Chuck Blyth, Parks Canada.

**Key Participants:** 

Udo von Doehren, Doug Tate, Todd Burlingame, Brent Murphy

### Notes:

The President outlined the following:

Timing and issues to bring the project back into production.

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General personnel requirements.

General history of compliance.

Parks Canada's main concern was road developments within the watershed of Nahanni National Park resulting in increased access.

There was a question regarding a tailings spill that occurred back in the 1960's.

There was also a question about the record of oil spills and leaching from tailings impoundment.

Next Step: There was an agreement for Parks Canada to forward copies of spill records and other information to Brent Murphy.

The President assured Parks that, once the project is back in production, the road would be gated at the mining lease boundary to assist in controlling access to the property.

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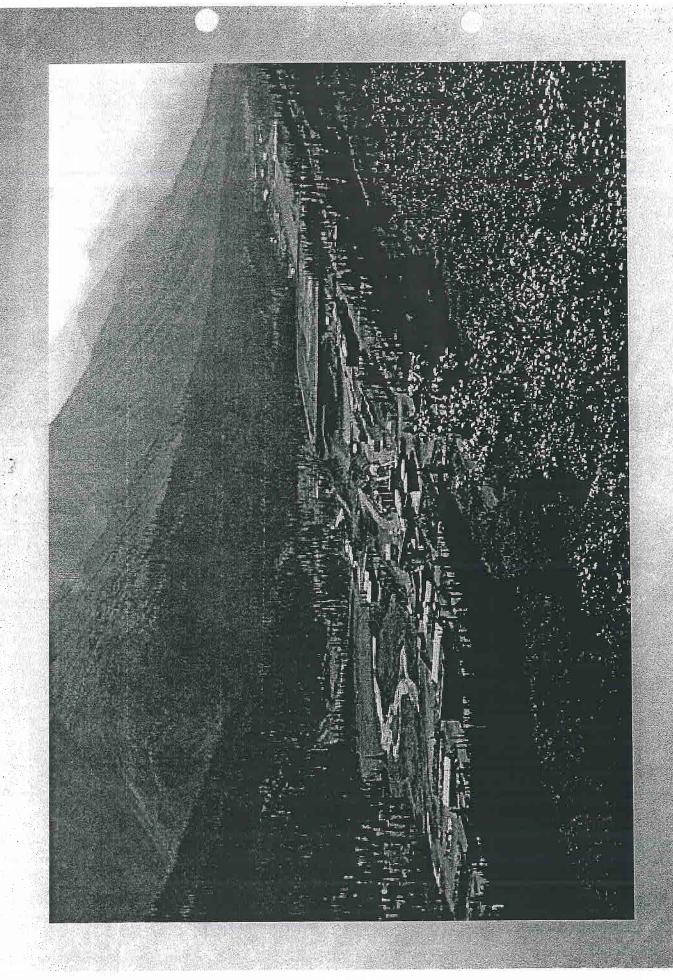
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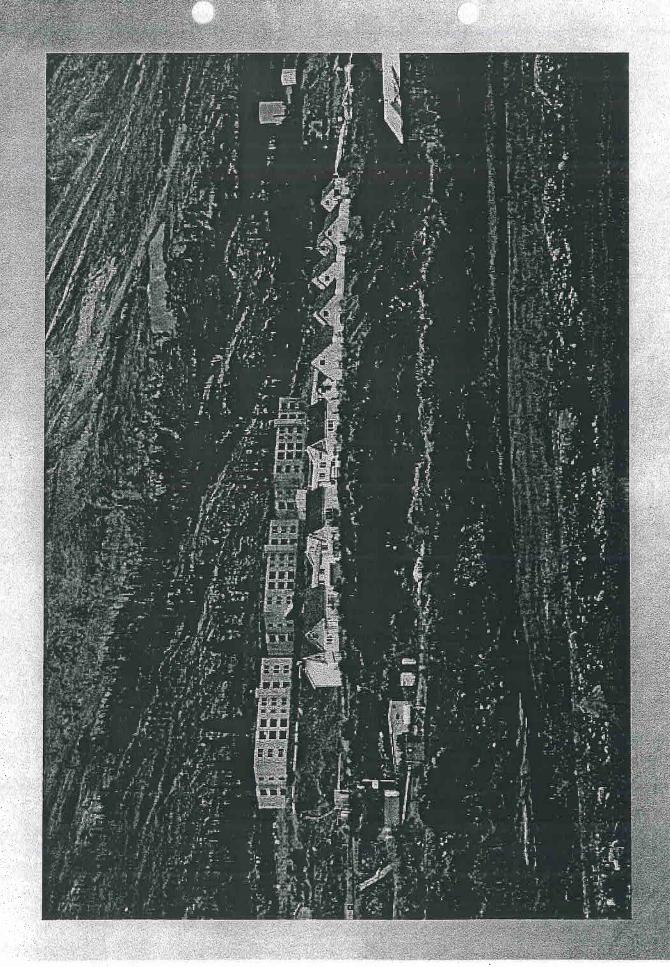
# What are our plans?

- Reopen existing road to the CanTung site;
- Activate site facilities;
- Re-start operations by the fall of 2001;
- Provide employment and business opportunities for northerners.

# The CanTung Mine

- An operational mine currently on care and maintenance.
- Mine site consisting of a town-site, concentrating facility and plant buildings.
- In full compliance with Regulatory Agencies.
- mine life plus 3 year (minimum) exploration potential.





## What is Tungsten?

### Tungsten

- There is no known substitute.
- Tungsten is environmentally safe and does not break down or decompose.
- A rare element, and essential commodity.
- Second in hardness only to diamonds,
- It has the highest melting point of any other metal on earth (3410°C).

# New Applications in Tungsten

Fungsten is an alternative to lead where non toxic, ecologically sound, high density, non corrosive, non leaching, high strengths materials are required. Applications include large spectrum of current applications for lead such as:

- Weight and Ballast Systems
- Sporting Goods
- Vibration Damping
- Sound Proofing
- Radiation Shielding

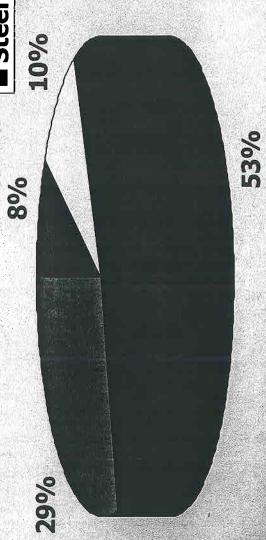
## The Market (continued)

By 1995, depletion of mining reserves in China and the elimination of government subsidies resulted in the closure of numerous tungsten mines. In 1999 the Chinese Government legislated measures to restrict the export of tungsten and increase prices. Tungsten concentrate prices have recovered from a low of US \$28/mtu (metric tonne unit = 10kg.) in 1994 and have recently reached US \$70/mtu. However, prices are widely expected to climb higher from current levels.

## Industry Segments



- □ Others■ Hard Metals■ Steel Superalloys



Excludes New Markets & Uses

## Next Steps

- communities, governments and regulatory Continue dialogue with leadership, agencies;
- Identify community services;
- Finalize contracts to supply tungsten;
- Implement operational plan;
- Maintain emphasis on environmental responsibility

### Summary of July 27, 2001 CanTung site visit

The purpose of the site visit was to:

- bring together stakeholders
- provide a project update
- maintain communications and dialogue

### The organisations presented included:

- Liidlii Kue First Nation (Ft. Simpson)
- Acho Dene Koe First Nation (Ft. Liard)
- Kaska Tribal Council
- Nahanni Butte Tribal Council
- Ross River Dene Council
- Nahanni Nation Park
- Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans
- Govt of NWT Region
- Govt of NWT Headquarters
- Dept of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
- NWT Chamber of Mines

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• Ft. Simpson Chamber of Commerce

### More than 35 persons participated in the site visit.

The meeting commenced with a project update and question and answer period. Participants were provided with an information package outlining the visit agenda and project status.

After a brief lunch, the groups were divided into areas of similar interest (technical operations, environmental monitoring, and business opportunities) and were given a walking tour of the site.

The tour was concluded with a de-briefing and final question and answer session.

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To:

Chief Leon Konisenta

Nahanni Butte Dene Band

Nahanni Butte, NWT

From: Udd von Doehren

President, North American Tungsten

April 19, 2001

Re: Meeting in Nahanni Butte, April 12, 2001

Dear Chief:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your staff last week. Please convey my thanks to the people who provided the lunch, which was most appreciated.

As I indicated during our meeting, North American Tungsten will be making decisions regarding our timing to bring the project back into production within the next several weeks. Once this decision has been made, we hope that you can identify potential bidders about contract opportunities associated with the operation.

I will ensure that you are notified of any contract bidding opportunities associated with our production plans.

I look forward to visiting your community again.

Best regards,

North American Tungsten Corp. Ltd.

on Doehren President & C.E.O.

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Acho Dene Koe First Nation

Fort Liard, NWT

From: Udo von Doehren

President, North American Tungsten

April 19, 2001

Re: Meeting in Fort Liard, April 11, 2001

Dear Chief:

It was a pleasure to meet with you last week. The tour of your community and your business services was very much appreciated.

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I look forward to visiting your community again.

Best regards,

North American Tungsten Corp. Ltd.

Udo von Doehren

President & C.E.O.

Thank you for keeping me informed of your plans to re-open the CanTung Mine. We are interested in maintaining a productive working relationship, and I look forward to more concrete discussions between our organizations in the near future.

Sincerely,

c. Mr. Robert BaileyAssistant Deputy Minister - Operations

**Attachment** 

### North American Tungsten OPENHOUSE

Are you or your company interested in hearing about the future plans of the CanTung mine?

If so, you will want to meet with the President of North American Tungsten at an open house organized by the Yukon government.

### Watson Lake June 11<sup>th</sup>

Business Luncheon

Open House

Belvedere Hotel

Recreation Complex upstairs

12 – 1:30 p.m.

7 - 9 p.m.

### June 12th

Open House
2 Mile Community Hall
7 – 9 p.m.

### Whitehorse June 13<sup>th</sup>

Open House Goldrush Inn Town Hall 7 – 9 p.m.

This is your opportunity to learn more about this project, and to discuss potential job opportunities for Yukon businesses and individuals.

For more information or to book one-on-one appointments in advance, call 667-5753 or toll free 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5753



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Furthermore, the strategic arrangement with Sandvik and Osram Sylvania includes an option for them to participate in the development of any of the Company's tungsten interests, particularly the MacTung Project which hosts the Western Worlds' largest high-grade tungsten deposit. Historical data obtained from the previous owner (Canada Tungsten Inc.) which developed the MacTung property in conjunction with AMAX Inc., its controlling shareholder, estimates the property to contain a minimum geologic resource of 60 million tonnes at an average grade of 0.95% WO3. At this stage of project development, measured, indicated and inferred resources at MacTung total approximate 30 million tonnes at a grade of 0.93% WO3. A report prepared by Strathcona Mineral Services Ltd. in 1982 confirmed, at that time, that the Company's tungsten assets represented a substantial proportion of the Worlds' tungsten reserves.

The Company's President & C.E.O., Udo von Doehren, states that, "The decision to re-activate and bring the CanTung mine back into production, confirms the vision of the Company's Board of Directors that it was only a matter of time before the consumers of tungsten would require an alternate, stable and long term supply line from a Western World source. In an attempt to control tungsten exports, the Chinese Government stopped issuing new permits for tungsten mines, curbed the export of concentrates and announced other measures to rationalize its production amidst ore depletion warnings. China is the predominant producer of tungsten and supplies approximately 85% of the Worlds' consumption. For at least the last decade, the balance between supply and demand has been maintained by supplying tungsten from strategic Russian and Chinese stockpiles to meet production shortfalls. It is generally believed that these stockpiles have been virtually depleted. Based on current information, the World production shortfall exceeds 10,000 tonnes of tungsten annually. At the scheduled annual rate of production of 3,000 tonnes of tungsten, the CanTung mine will produce approximately 8% of the Worlds' consumption."

The Company is extremely pleased with these positive developments and is looking forward to again becoming the Western Worlds' largest tungsten producer. We thank our shareholders for sharing the Company's strategic vision and as the only "pure tungsten play in the World" our tungsten assets should provide them with significant leverage as was the case with the previous shareholders of the owners and operator of the mine, Canada Tungsten Inc."



North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd., owns 100% of the CanTung mine and the MacTung deposit. These assets represent the Western Worlds' largest high-grade proven tungsten reserves and comprise some 15% of the Worlds' proven resource base.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH AMERICAN TUNGSTEN CORPORATION LTD.

"Udo E. von Doehren"

Udo E. von Doehren President & C.E.O.

The Canadian Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.

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Chief Leon Konisenta Nahanni Butte Dene Band Nahanni Butte, NWT

Via Fax: 867-602-2910

June 26, 2001

Dear Chief Konisenta,

In our discussions of last week, we informed you that North American Tungsten Corp. has taken the decision to reactivate the CanTung mine, 180 miles Northwest of Watson Lake. The operation of the mine will require a range of skills and services, some of which will be provided by employees hired directly by North American Tungsten, some of which will be contracted.

In order to ensure that First Nations can participate in the employment and contracting opportunities at the mine, could you let us have a list of the skills and services that you wish to offer, both in the form of contracting proposals and in resumes from individuals interested in working for North American Tungsten. We will be conducting a site visit in the near future to give you the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the CanTung mine. We will send you the details nearer to the time.

Meanwhile, we look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards, North American Tungsten Corp. Ltd.

Udo von Doehren President & C.E.O.

cc. Tom Morrison Mine Manager

### Ron Shenton

From:

Duncan Canvin <duffy1@cancom.net>

To:

North American Tungsten <natung@westpac.bc.ca>

Sent: Attach: Thursday, July 05, 2001 2:44 PM

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Subject:

Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce

First off, I would like to congratulate your company for the wise decision to re-open the mine at Tungsten, NWT.

As President of the Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce, I would also like to invite representatives of your company to come to Fort Simpson in the near future to allow some of our members to discuss potential business opportunities that might arise with respect to the mine and operations thereof.

I am already aware of several whistle stop tours conducted by your senior levels of management to the Northwest Territories and would appreciate consideration be paid to make a more formal visit and presentation on your planned operations to residents of the NWT nearest to same. For the most part anything we have heard so far has been what we have read in the newspapers.

Historically, I am sure you are aware, the former residents and employees of the Tungsten Mine, enjoyed a close business and personal relationship with many Fort Simpson residents and perhaps now would be a good time to rekindle same. Your company has a great number of supporters within the Chamber of Commerce as well as a great number of shareholders who are residents of Fort Simpson.

In closing, I would like to invite you to visit our WebPages at the attached URL and look forward to hearing from someone with respect to a personal visit to Fort Simpson. We at the Chamber of Commerce would only be too happy to assist in facilitating such an event.

Yours Truly,

Duncan Canvin (867)695-3862/2456 or FAX:2001.

http://www.cancom.net/~commerce/

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Chuck Blythe, Superintendent Nahanni National Park Reserves Box 348 Fort Simpson, NWT X0E 0N0 Via Fax: 867-695-2446

July 19, 2001

Dear Chuck,

Further to our discussions, North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. is inviting certain groups to visit the mine. We have arranged for a number of representatives from both the Deh Cho and Kaska First Nations to be in attendance to afford them the opportunity to discuss the type and range of skills and services that we will require once we are back in operation. Further to their visit, we have also invited a contingent from DIAND, which may also join us.

We will be holding this site visit on July 27, 2001. The agenda is as follows:

• 11:00 Tour of mine-site

• 12:00 Lunch, Introductions and Project Update

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15:00 Departure

A separate meeting with some our senior personnel is expected to further consolidate our mutual commitment to work together in a co-operative and constructive manner.

We look forward to seeing you on July 27th.

Best regards, North American Tungsten Corp. Ltd.

Udo von Doehren President & C.E.O.

cc. Tom Morrison

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Chief Judy Kotchea Acho Dene Koe First Nation Fort Liard, NWT Via Fax: 867-770-4144

July 19, 2001

Dear Chief Kotchea,

Further to our discussions and as indicated in our letter of June 26, 2001, North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. is holding a site visit to gain a better understanding of the CanTung mine and the type and range of skills and services that we will require once we are back in operation.

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We hope that you will be able to join us at the mine-site and look forward to seeing you on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards, North American Tungsten Corp. Ltd.

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Victor Mitander Kaska First Nations Watson Lake, YT Via Fax: 867-633-5537

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We hope that you will be able to join us at the mine-site and look forward to seeing you on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards,
North American Tungsten Corp. Ltd.

Udo von Doehren President & C.E.O.

cc. Tom Morrison Mine Manager

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### SITE VISIT CANTUNG MINE

**JULY 27, 2001** 

### **AGENDA**

11:00 Arrive at mine site

11:30 Introduction and operations update

12:00 Lunch/Q&A

1:00 Walking tour of mine site

2:00 Debrief/Q&A

2:30 Depart mine site

### North American Tungsten Corporation

North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. is a Canadian owned, publicly traded company, listed on the Canadian Ventures Exchange (NTC-CNDX).

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### **Regulatory Status**

- Existing water license (valid until September 2002);
- Existing Crown Leases until 2012;
- · No outstanding environmental issues;
- Operated in compliance with environmental requirements from 1962 to 1986;
- Ongoing environmental monitoring 1986-2001.

### Plans - 2001

- Reactivate services August
- · Start Concentrator rehab. August November
- Negotiate/Award Contracts:
  - Mining August
  - Catering August
  - Road August
  - Trucking September
  - Bus September
  - Fuel September
- Hire Company personnel August September
- · Commence production December



### Environmental monitoring

- · Monitor flow and quality
  - Fresh water intake
  - Backfill to underground (if any)
  - Powerhouse cooling water to Sardine Creek
  - Tailings and sewage discharge to pond
- Monitor Groundwater for quality
  - Upstream Flat River
  - Ground water near and around ponds
  - Downstream Flat River



### September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001

After calling Chief Leon Konisenta numerous times, he called back this afternoon.

I advised him of our plans and that contractors were required to contact him regarding employment opportunities, etc.

He advised me to call Bill Beaton (403-531-9722) in Calgary, which I did and left a message.

### September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 9:45 am

Bill Beaton returned call. He is a representative for Nahanni Butte.

- Told him about plans, frustration at the lack of response & opportunities.
- He mentioned that we are on the right track to keep them informed suggested that he also be contacted.
- Told him that contractors would contact Chief Leon and keep him informed so that "they" could deal with the contractor.
- He suggested that "we" work on a transportation scenario.
- I did not want the leadership to wake up too late and then find out that the opportunities diminished
- Production is scheduled for December 2001

September 11, 2001

Minister Antoine Government of the Northwest Territories P.O. Box 1320 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Fax: 867-873-0169

Re: Request for meeting

Dear Minister Antoine:

As you are aware North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. is in the process of reopening the CanTung mine located near the NWT / Yukon boarder.

As part of our efforts to re-establish production we have visited local communities, held site visits and have provided opportunities for local businesses to compete in all of the major contract tenders.

We are currently experiencing frustration in establishing working relations with the communities in the Deh Cho. Although we have made our best efforts to attract participation from the region little or no feedback has been received.

We are requesting a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to provide you with a project update and discuss what can be done to ensure that aboriginal groups and businesses in the Deh Cho region can benefit from this project.

We are confident that, by working together, the NWT will become a global supplier of tungsten. Please have your staff contact us directly to arrange for an appropriate time to meet.

Yours truly,
North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Udo E. von Doehren President & C.E.O.

cc. Minister Handley

October 29, 2001

To: The Community of Fort Liard

Re: Employment Opportunities with North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Representatives of North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. are scheduled to be in Fort Liard (subject to weather) on the afternoon of November 5<sup>th</sup> and the morning of November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hamlet Office to meet and interview candidates that are interested in employment at the CanTung mine site.

For those without a current resume, application forms are available at the Hamlet Office for completion prior to November 5<sup>th</sup>.

For further information please contact Jenny Penner at 604-684-5300.

We look forward to visiting your community.

NORTH AMERICAN TUNGSTEN CORPORATION LTD.

October 29, 2001

To: Chief Leon Konisenta

Nahanni Butte First Nations

Via fax: 867-602-2910

Re: North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. visit to Nahanni Butte

By way of notification, please be advised that two representatives from North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. will be visiting Nahanni Butte on the afternoon of November 6<sup>th</sup> (subject to weather).

The purpose of this exercise is to identify and interview interested candidates for possible employment at the CanTung mine. Stacey, from your band office, has said that there would be space made available where our representatives could conduct their interviews. I've included the notification for posting around your community, along with a copy of our Employment Application Form that we wish the band office to supply to interested candidates (to be completed prior to November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting).

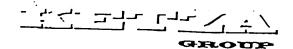
Originally we had hoped to bring Udo von Doehren, President & C.E.O. of North American Tungsten Corporation, to update the leadership on the progress of the CanTung mine, but we recognize that all of the leadership will be in Ft. Providence that week. We would like to re-schedule a meeting with you for later on in November to give you a progress report.

Best regards, North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Jenny Penner

Encl: Notice of Meeting

**Employment Application** 



October 29, 2001

North American:Tungsten Corp. Ltd. #11-1155 Melville Street Vancouver, BC V6E 4C4

Attn: Mr. Udo vonDoehren President

Dear Sir:

Re: Employment -Cantung Mine

We are writing to update you on our efforts to hire employees for the rehabilitation of the infrastructure and mill at the above mine.

Per your instructions, we have endeavored to solicit interest in the available positions in the priority as follows:

Deh Cho members – Fort Liard, Nahanni Butte

2 Kaska members - Watson Lake, Good Hope Lake, Lower Post

Dease Lake, Ross River

3 Watson Lake - Residents

We have posted notices in the above communities detailing the requirement for the trades of millwrights, electricians, plumbers, and labors. Attached are the notices posted.

We have also followed up on the initial requests to ensure that our requirements were received.

In summary, we have one individual from Nahanni Butte and none from Fort Liard. The bulk of the crew has been sourced from the Watson Lake region. Fort Liard told us that there had been no interest in the Cantung opportunities, presumably due to the work taking place closer to their home.

I have attached the crew listing and their places of origin.

As you are aware, the rehabilitation phase of the project is drawing to a close and we expect that Ketza will shortly begin reducing the size of the crew on-site as the mill is nearing operational status.

We trust that we have complied with your directions regarding local hire and we feel that we have made best efforts to ensure the Mine's policy has been adhered to.

Mike Johnson P.Eng. General Manager

### NORTH AMERICAN TUNGSTEN CORPORATION

## Fort Liard/Nahanni Butte Recruiting Trip November 5 & 6, 2001

Summary

A total of 13 resumes were submitted from the community of Fort Liard and 3 from Nahanni Butte. We generated a great deal of excitement within the community because of the possibility of long term employment. I expect three more resumes to be faxed in tomorrow (Nov.13).

Due to the interest from the community of Fort Liard regarding North American Tungsten, and judging by the resumes we received, it was established that to better serve our needs and those of the communities a training program would be offered resulting in the Mill Operator Training Program. (attached)

The following people have been offered positions:

9 Mill Operator Trainee Positions:

George Betsaka (Nahanni Butte)

Jimmy Kotchea
Steve Klondike
Peter Bortrand
Wilfred Sheldon
Dwayne Berreault
Donald Lomen
Paul Beaulieu

Angus Capot Blanc (Nahannie Butte)

Other positions offered:

Frank Kotchea

Assay Lab

Karen Kotchea

Surface Crew Labourer

Letters to both Chief Judy Kotchea of Fort Liard and Chief Leon Konisenta will faxed to their offices tomorrow with a hard copy to follow. (attached)

George Betsaka (minesite) has indicated that he would assist in obtaining a letter of support from Nahanni Butte.

Frank Kotchea has been hired as our liaison with the people of Fort Liard as part of the recruiting and coordinating. Frank was MLA for area of Fort Liard and also has an environmental background. He will be of greater assistance in regards to licensing and permits. Frank will also obtain a letter of support for us from Chief and Council.

## NORTH AMERICAN TUNGSTEN CORPORATION

### Fort Liard/Nahanni Butte Recruiting Trip

### November 2001

On November 5 & 6, 2001 Mike Redfearn and myself went on a recruiting and information gathering trip to Fort Liard and Nahanni Butte, N.W.T.

### November 5, 2001

Our first meeting, which was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. the day of arrival with the community of Fort Liard was not well attended. However one of the community members (Frank Kotchea) who was in attendance offered to inform the community that we would be available at 1:00 p.m. the following day at the Hamlet Offices.

We proceeded to Beaver Enterprises to thank Dee Etta for all the assistance she had given us prior to our arrival. Shane Parrish put in a very quick appearance and when it was determined that we were there to recruit our own people from the community he promptly left.

Next was a trip to the Band Office where we had a meeting with Chief Judy Kotchea. The meeting was very cordial but she asked how we could do for her people and what investment were we prepared to make in her community. The discussion that followed involved such issues as training, money management training for the Band Memebers (how to budget their salary) regarding the 3 week turn around and unbalanced pay cheques. She was very supportive of our operation and promised whatever assistance they could provide.

At that time, we also met with William Bettalia, a Band Councillor who participated in the discussion. William followed up by attending our session the following day as well.

### November 6, 2001

On the morning of November 6, two attempts were made to fly into Nahanni Butte but we were unsuccessful. However, when the Band Office in Nahanni Butte was contacted, we informed them that resumes and/or application forms could be faxed in to the Hamlet Offices in Fort Liard of which we received two.

True to his word, Frank Kotchea, had advised people of the community of our mission and our afternoon meeting at the Hamlet Office was very successful. We had approximately 20 people coming and going at all times. People were dropping in, taking time from their present jobs to obtain information. The atmosphere was one of excitement due to the possibility of full time employment with our company compared to only seasonal work and the upcoming lay-offs.

A long, and full discussion was held outlining North American Tungsten as a company and mine doing business in the N.W.T. We also spent quite a lot of time describing the Mill Operator Training Program, which was well received.

As a result of the recruiting trip, we obtained 13 applications from Fort Liard and 3 from Nahanni Butte.

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November 12, 2001

Chief Leon Konisenta Nahanni Butte First Nation Nahanni Butte, N.W.T.

### Dear Chief Konisenta;

I would like to take this opportunity to offer our regrets for not having had the opportunity to meet with you last week.

I am writing to inform of the support we have been receiving in regards to employment opportunities from members of your community. North American Tungsten is prepared to make a commitment and an investment in your community by offering a Mill Operator Training Program at our CanTung Property.

The training sessions would be a combination of classroom instruction and on the job demonstration with actual practice. A full time position as a junior mill operator, which is an entry level position, will be offered to those individuals who show an interest in this program. The end result being significant training and experience as a Mill Operator. I am attaching the program outline. George Betsaka will be taking part in the Training Program and has been offered a position with our company..

Celine Betsaka indicated on her resume that she would be interested in Food Preparation and Housekeeping and her name has been forwarded to Sedhexho who is the onsite Caterer.

North American Tungsten's policy is to hire it's employees with a "point of hire" being either Vancouver, Whitehorse or Watson Lake with transportation being provided from these three locations. However, since we may a few people from your community, we are prepared to provide transportation from Fort Nelson to the minesite and back again. We would like to ask if you could provide travel assistance for these members from Nahanni Butte to Fort Nelson.

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November 12, 2001

Chief Judy Kotchea Acho Dene Koe First Nation Fort Liard, N.W.T.

Dear Chief Kotchea;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to meet with Michael Redfearn and myself.

Further to our discussion regarding the needs of your community, North American Tungsten is prepared to make a commitment and an investment in your community by offering a Mill Operator Training Program at our CanTung Property.

The training sessions would be a combination of classroom instruction and on the job demonstration with actual practice. A full time position as a junior mill operator, which is an entry level position, will be offered to those individuals who showed an interest in this program. The end result being significant training and experience as a Mill Operator. I am attaching the program outline. Also, below is a list of Band Members that have made a commitment to this program.

Jimmy Kotchea
Steve Klondike
Peter Bortrand
Wilfred Sheldon
Dwayne Berrault
Donald Lomen
Paul Beaulieu

Other positions have also been offered to members of your community.

Karen Kotchea

Surface Crew Labourer

Frank Kotchea

Sample/Bucker

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Record of Meeting GNWT Legislative Building, Yellowknife November 15, 2001

Persons in Attendance: Udo von Doehren, Todd Burlingame, Minister Antione, Minister Handley, ADM Doug Doan, Susan Fleck (Handley's EA). Deb Archibold (RWED Mineral Oil and Gas Division), Mayor of Fort Simpson, Other (?)

Summary: The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update for the Ministers and offer the opportunity for them to come to the mine. Both the Minister of RWED and the Minister of Transportation attended the meeting. The Mayor of Fort Simpson was also present and given the opportunity to voice concerns.

Issues brought forward included: Fort Simpson as a point of hire, Support for training programs, GNWT Assistance for road maintenance, and Renewal of permits and licenses. As well, plans for MacTung were discussed.

### **Important Points:**

The Mayor of Fort Simpson had expressed concerns about the lack of involvement of Fort Simpson in the re-opening of the CanTung Mine. He had expressed that he wished to have Fort Simpson as a point of hire. It was pointed out the Mayor that opportunities were offered to the entire region and no response had been received from Fort Simpson to date. It was also pointed out to the Mayor that Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce had not responded to a request for information and participation.

Minister Antione indicated that there were concerns emerging from Fort Simpson regarding lack of opportunities at the CanTung operation. He also indicated that employment and business opportunities must be there.

It was suggested that CanTung meet with RWED Wildlife Staff to discuss policies and wildlife management programs at the site.

Letters requesting education and training assistance and assistance with road maintenance were requested by the GNWT.

#### **Next Steps:**

North American Tungsten staff to contact the appropriate GNWT departments to identify training opportunities and the GNWT obligations to maintain the public road sections.

A letter from the President to the Mayor of Fort Simpson should be sent to clear up the misinformation that the Mayor appears to be operating under. There is an opportunity for the Minister alleviate concerns from Fort Simpson by providing assistance in the form of transportation from the NWT communities to the North American Tungsten points of hire.

Record of Meeting Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Yellowknife November 16, 2001

Persons in Attendance: Laurie Cordell (nee Bruno), MVLWB, Udo von Doehren, NAT, Carl Lauten, MVLWB, Ed Hornby, DIAND, Peter Lennie-Misgeld, MVLWB, Todd Burlingame

### Purpose

To provide an update to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board Staff and seek direction from them regarding the process for the water license renewal.

### Summary

Udo von Doehren provided a project update to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board staff. The Land and Water Board staff were informed that representatives from Ft. Simpson had been using political leverage to force North American Tungsten into giving them preferential treatment. It was explained to the staff that NAT considered Nahanni Butte, Fort Liard and Kaska First Nations groups to be the primary impacted communities and that efforts to provide employment, training and business opportunities had been offered throughout the region. Not only had Fort Simpson not responded to opportunities, they had not responded to an invitation and request for additional information from the company.

MVLWB staff informed NAT that representatives from Ft. Simpson had approached the Board with complaints about North American Tungsten.

The upcoming renewal of the water license was discussed. It was explained that North American Tungsten's interpretation of the legislation indicated that there should be no reason for the renewal to move beyond the authority of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and that an environmental assessment (EA) under the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB) would not be necessary. The Land and Water Board confirmed that NAT's interpretation appeared to be correct, however it was indicated that there would likely be efforts from third party interest to try and force the renewal to EA. The staff pointed to the recent situation that Canadian Zinc experience when Parks Canada forced an environmental assessment by writing a letter to the MVEIRB. The staff indicated that in a similar situation the Land and Water Board Members could respond in the same manner.

DIAND representative Ed Hornby indicated that a Judicial ruling in advance of an application could determine up front the manner in which this license renewal would be handled.

Laurie Cordell indicated that she had been in contact with Chuck Blyth and was trying to arrange to join him on a site visit scheduled for November 27, 2001.

### **Important Points**

### Jenny Penner

From: Ron Shenton [natung@westpac.bc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 11:26 AM

To: Jenny Penner

Subject: Fw: Lost message

---- Original Message -----From: <u>Duncan Canvin</u>

To: North American Tungsten

Cc: simpair@cancom.net; SOUTH NAHANNI AIRWAYS; Bernie

Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 9:33 AM

Subject: Lost message

Dear Mr. Von Doehran,

I just received a copy of your letter to our Mayor, Tom WILSON, in which you acknowledged meeting with him while you were in Yellowknife. I appreciate you taking time to allow for same.

In your letter you acknowledge receiving the email I sent you in July and state you responded seeking more information about historical links with Fort Simpson and extending an invite to visit the mine. Unfortunately I never received this email and, according to the Chamber's Secretary/Treasurer who monitors the website, he too did not receive any response. As a proactive agency I would have certainly undertaken a response had I received anything. To this end could I impose upon you to re-send the message or relate the contents to me at this address.

At our November meeting the Chamber agreed to seek you or your representative out and try to arrange a trip to the mine for several of our members as well as Jim Antoine, our MLA, our Mayor and the Chief of the local First Nations. The trip would be basically a mini trade mission to see what Fort Simpson based services your company might take advantage of as well as to gain a better understanding of your needs in order to foster some sort of business relationship with North American Tungsten. The trip was planned for mid January of 2002 now that unfavorable weather is upon us and we have tentatively booked South Nahanni Air's twin otter.

To this end I ask you to identify dates when you would be available to make such a meeting happen? I know that the dates are fairly late and would appreciate it if you had any suggestions as to when we otherwise might meet. The twin otter is scheduled for maintenance from Dec. 10, 2001 through to Jan. 7, 2002.

In closing I wish to assure you, the overtures expressed by some residents are not that of the majority here in Fort Simpson. I would suggest that the lack of communications between NTC and local residents fueled the frustration the few were feeling over apparently being left out of any potential benefit they felt should accrue to this area. I too wondered when no response was every received to my initial email. I had hoped to meet with you when I picked up rumors of your whereabouts in the region however was never able to capitalize on same. I had recently delegated authority to several of our members to seek you out and try to arrange contact with you on behalf of the Chamber.

Now that lines have been re-established I am confident we should be able to meet in the not too distant future. In the meantime I wish you much success in reopening the mine and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Duncan Canvin
Fort Simpson Chamber of Commerce

To: Udo

From: Todd

Re: Travel to Mine Site

November 26, 2001

Please be advised:

Four persons will be arriving at the CanTung mine site at 10:30 MST on November 27, 2001. A representative from Parks Canada is also schedule to arrive at 10:30 MST on a different plane.

Passengers include: Laurie Cordell (nee Bruno), Land and Water Board, Steve Harbicht, Environment Canada, Todd Burlingame, NAT, and another representative from the MV Land and Water Board.

The total cost of the charter will be split between NAT and the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board.

The plane will be held on site for the duration of the site visit.

Suggested agenda for the visit:

- 10:30: Upon arrival: Take everyone to washroom facilities and provide the group with an outline of the site visit agenda.

11:00: Take the three newcomers on a one hour site tour, take Chuck to the office and allow him a chance to lay out his proposed joint monitoring program.

- 12:00: Lunch (all)

- 13:00: Provide all participants with an update and explanation of mine plan, etc.

. 14:30: Visitors depart.

If you require any materials or equipment from Yellowknife please call and I will ensure that I bring it in.

You can contact me at 867-669-0203 or 867-873-1307 (cell).

requested to form a separate company with the intent to negotiate a direct equity participation and interest in that corporate entity.

We expect to finalize the contract negotiations with the bidder of the contract within the next 2 weeks and should you be interested to participate in this business arrangement, please let me know within that timeframe so that I can introduce you.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours truly,

North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Udo E. von Doehren

President & C.E.O.

c/c T. Morrison, Mine Manager

M. Thompson, Human Resource Manager

- Positive trans-boundary socio-economic effects should be identified in the application for renewal (i.e. benefits to the Yukon cannot be discounted by the MVLWB).
- MVLWB staff is not providing other agencies with information, as well, they are not current on the grandfathering provisions of the Act.
- Parks views restricting access to the site as a positive impact.
- Government fuel caching on site should be formalised.
- Existing services provided by NAT to governments should be identified and included in the renewal application.

### **Next Steps:**

- NAT Human Resources staff to initiate dialogue with Juanita Robinson (GNWT RWED) to address NAT concerns regarding NWT points of hire.
- NAT Environment Staff to communicate with Environment Canada to determine new reporting provisions under the revised MMLRs.
- Review EC/Parks MOU in light of the new reporting provisions.

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December 14, 2001

Mr. Bill Beaton Impact Consulting Group Suite 1400, 700 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W. Calgary, AB T2P 3J4

VIA FACSIMILE: 403-294-1167

Dear Bill,

Re: Business Opportunity for Deh Cho First Nations

Thank you for your expression of interest to take part in a direct equity participation in a trucking company as stated in your letter of December 5, 2001.

Please be advised that the successful bidder on the concentrate and fuel backhaul tender was Watson Lake Bus Lines Co. Ltd. of Watson Lake, Yukon. To find out more about participating in a business venture, please contact Mr. Ernie Jamieson, President of Watson Lake Bus Lines Co. Ltd. at 867-536-7381 or by fax at 867-536-7391.

All future correspondence regarding this aforementioned topic should be forwarded directly to: Watson Lake Bus Lines Co. Ltd.

Attn: Mr. Ernie Jamieson Box 469

Watson Lake, YT

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Best regards, North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.

Udo E. von Doehren President & C.E.O.

cc. E. Jamieson



February 11, 2002

Northern American Tungsten Minesite PO Box 856 Watson Lake, Yukon

Re: Letter of Support

Ms. Thompson,

In reference to the Mill Operator Program, I would like to commend your efforts in respect to the investment and the commitment you are making in our community.

The benefit of a long term, full time employment and training education will contribute significantly to the quality of life for members of our community and other communities in the area.

I am pleased to see that members of the community are working and taking advantage of these programs.

Congratulations and good luck towards your community efforts.

Regards,

Chief Judy Kotchea

Acho Dene Koe First Nation

Fort Liard, NT

Hi Jenny, there are no known archaeological sites within the boundary you specified (61:57:25, -128:12:10) in your request for data received on 20-Feb-2001. Please advise us about any archaeological site or specimen encountered during your activities.

Cheers

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