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VIA FACSIMILE

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
Box 938
200 Scotia Centre (5102 - 50th Avenue)
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N7

Attention: Joe Acorn, Environmental Assessment Officer

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: In the Matter of an Application for the Renewal of Water
Licence N3L2-0004 by North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.**

As you know, we are the solicitors for North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd. We write in regard to North American Tungsten's judicial review of the decision of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board dated July 24, 2002.

Further to your inquiry of August 28, 2002, we hereby formally request that the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board cease all action in respect to the environmental assessment as directed by the Land and Water Board. As explained to you by Michael Parrish of our office, North American Tungsten is seeking an Order from the Northwest Territories Supreme Court quashing the Order of the Land and Water Board directing an environmental assessment to be conducted by the Environmental Impact Board pursuant to Part 5 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

We kindly ask that you please confirm in writing that the Environmental Impact Review Board agrees to voluntarily cease all actions in respect to the environmental assessment of the CanTung Mine until the judicial review hearing of the Land and Water Board's decision has been completed.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the writer or Mr. Parrish at (604) 631-4863.

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