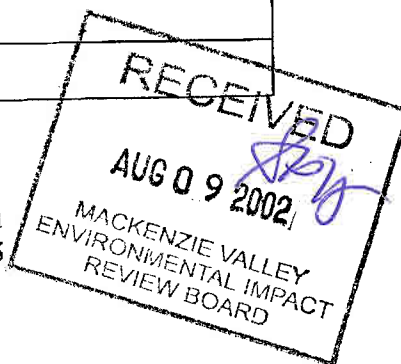




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August 6, 2002

Luciano Azzolini
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Re: Environmental Assessment for North American Tungsten Mine

Dear Mr. Azzolini,

Liidlii Kue First Nations is a directly affected party as per the definition provided in the rules of procedure for Environmental Assessment. Liidlii Kue First Nations has a number of concerns relating to water quality, contamination spills, security deposit, and economics.

Our watershed has always been a resource that Liidlii Kue has struggled to protect and conserve. Liidlii Kue First Nations would like measures taken to ensure that water quality is not compromised. We are very concerned over the lack of consideration given to Liidlii Kue First Nations as down river water users.

In previous correspondence Liidlii Kue First Nations has expressed concerns over the lack of communication between the North American Tungsten Mine and affected First Nations with regards to the spill that had occurred at the Mine this winter. To date we have not received a report on the spill from NAT or DIAND officials as per our request of May 27, 2002. The spill contingency plan should be tried tested and proven to be an effective plan of action in the event of a disaster. We still anticipate receiving this report.

The existing permit has security deposits for deactivation of this mine. North American Tungsten mine has a limited life left and is projected to close soon and move to Mac Tung. We wish to have the security deposit reviewed to ensure it is sufficient to cover the costs of deactivation and reclamation of the mine site, it roads and infrastructure.

There has been concern in the community and the region over the lack of economic benefits to the region from the mine, despite their presence in our territory and watershed. We feel our economic issues can be addressed through the Interim Measures Agreement, an agreement between Canada and the Deh Cho First Nations. Liidlii Kue First Nation is the largest beneficiary of the Deh Cho Process. In dealing with Deh Cho traditional lands please ensure that the Deh

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Cho Interim Measures agreement is applied.

Section 45 of the Deh Cho First Nations interim measures agreement states that;

Canada shall ensure that the proponent of a major mining project that requires any authorization from Canada and that will impact on members of the Deh Cho First Nations is required to enter into negotiations with the Deh Cho First Nations for the purpose of concluding an agreement relating to the project.

We have attempted to meet with North American Tungsten Corporation for the purposes of discussing plans to address the aforementioned clause in respect to Liidlii Kue First Nations. Liidlii Kue First Nations is still open to this meeting at a mutually agreeable place and time.

Sincerely,



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Liidlii Kue First Nations

c.c. Deh Cho First Nations

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