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**Re: NIRB File No.: 05MN047/ NWB File No.: 2AM-DOH0713 - Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s
Application for Reconsideration of the NIRB Project Certificate [No. 003] Terms and Conditions
for the Doris North Project**

Dear Mr. Barry and Ms. Filiatrault,

Thank you for the efforts of the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB") and the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") to date in processing the amendment application consisting of proposed Doris North Project modifications and related amendments to NIRB Project Certificate [No. 003] and NWB Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOHO713.

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. ("HBML") is writing this letter to you to request that you suspend processing of and consultations with respect to the current applications at this time. HBML is currently revising the applications to reflect the level of site activity expected while the Doris North Project is in care and maintenance. Revised applications will be re-submitted to both the NIRB and NWB in July 2012 for processing in due course.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Hanks at 720-917-4489 or Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com, or Lea-Marie Bowes-Lyon at 604-998-5455 or lea-marie.bowes-lyon@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

for

Chris Hanks