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Attn: Leslie Payette, A/Director, Operations

**HBML Doris North Project/ Phase II  
Minerals Development Advisory Group Meeting, Oct. 26-28, Cambridge Bay, NU**

Dear Ms. Payette;

Thank you very much for your assistance in organizing the upcoming Mineral Advisory Group Meeting ("MDAG"). We look forward to a meeting which will provide the regulators and Inuit authorities with actual and potential jurisdiction over our projects a meaningful opportunity to ask questions and give feedback and that this will enable the company to assemble their planned applications in the most efficient way possible.

Over the past several years, Newmont Mining Corporation has examined the options for commencing mining operations at Hope Bay. Based on this review, it has been decided to start by bringing on the substantially permitted Doris North Project and subsequently incrementally extend operations south to Madrid/ Patch and Boston. In 2010 Newmont modified the portal location and amended the location of the explosive plant. Other changes are needed to make Doris North a more functional mine. Newmont Mining Corporation has bundled the other applications into 2 packages for Doris North based on 2011 and 2012 requirements. The company is also putting together a Project Proposal for the first phase of development south of Doris at Madrid / Patch and Boston. This staged approach to development is designed to bring on additional resources as exploration proves them and infrastructure development provides access.

To that end, we are pleased to provide the enclosed executive summaries for each of the three application packages that we will be submitting over the coming months relating to the Doris North Project as well as the planned Phase 2 Project for Madrid / Patch and Boston:

- **Type A Water Licence Amendment Application No. 2:** This package describes certain changes to the Doris North Project that ongoing project planning indicates are required in order to proceed with project construction during 2011, most notably an expansion of the existing fuel tank farm to permit a total storage of 36 ML of diesel fuel on site. HBML will be seeking NWB approval to commence construction of additional fuel tanks at Roberts Bay commencing in March 2011. HBML plans to submit this application within

the next week.

- **Type A Water Licence Amendment Application No. 3/ NIRB Project Certificate Amendment Application No. 1:** This package describes proposed changes to the Doris North Project mine plan which will extend the anticipated life of the Doris North Project by 2-4 years. Limited changes to existing and planned Doris North Project facilities will be required in order to implement this revised mine plan, which will require amendments to both the Type A Water Licence and NIRB Project Certificate. As well, HBML will be seeking a renewal of its Type A Water Licence to coincide with the new projected end of Doris North Project production in 2017. HBML plans to submit this application by the end of November 2010 and the changes described in these documents are not proposed to be implemented before Q1 2012.
- **Phase 2 Project Proposal (Description):** HBML is currently preparing a Project Proposal and preliminary applications for its proposed plan to develop areas of the Hope Bay Belt beyond Doris North (in particular, Madrid and Boston deposits). Phase 2 will utilize existing Doris North facilities wherever possible, but will require the construction of some additional infrastructure. This project is currently projected to have a 15 year mine life. HBML plans to submit this application before the end of Q2 2011.

We will provide a detailed overview of Newmont Mining Corporation philosophy for development of the belt and each of these applications at the meeting, including general arrangement drawings showing proposed facility locations. I welcome any questions or inquiries from you or any other of the MDAG invitees in respect of any of these application packages or any other matter relating to the Doris North Project or the Phase 2 Project in advance of MDAG.

Sincerely,

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