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June 16, 2010

NWB File No. 2AM-DOH0713

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Hope Bay Mining Ltd.
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Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Hope Bay Mining Ltd. - Request for Amendment for Relocation of Proposed Explosives Mixing and Storage Facility.

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt on May 25, 2010 of the above request for amendment to Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713, from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. Documents received in support of the request are as follows:

- a) Cover letter dated May 20, 2010;
- b) Water Licence Application Form;
- c) Executive Summary (English and Inuinaqtun);
- d) Project Description: Revised Location of Doris North Mixing and Storage Facility; and
- e) Appendix A: Engineering Drawings.

Based on the information provided to date and on section 174(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the NWB does not anticipate the application for amendment will require a public hearing as provided:

174.1 The regulations made under paragraph 33(1)(c) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* are deemed, in relation to the use of waters or the deposit of waste in Nunavut, to prescribe, as classes of applications that are exempted from the requirement of a public hearing, the classes of applications in relation to the following:

- (a) in the case of a Type A licence,
 - (i) any amendment that does not affect the use, flow or quality of waters or alter the term of the licence,

To ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB forwards notice of all documentation to regulators and council of the municipality(ies) most affected by the project, inviting interested parties to make representation directly to the NWB ***within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter***. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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