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November 5, 2010

NWB File No. 2AM-DOH0713

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Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Hope Bay Mining Ltd. - Request for Amendment for Roberts Bay Tank Farm and Laydown Expansion; Airstip Expansion and Bypass Road; and Construct Purpose Built Secondary Containment Facilities for Relocated Reagent and Cyanide Storage

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt on October 29, 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 October 29, 2010;
- b) Application for Water Licence Amendment;
- c) Package No. 02-Supporting Memo prepared by Rescan September 2010
- d) Certificate of Incorporation dated November 5, 2007
- e) Appendix E Archaeology - Points West Heritage Consulting Ltd. Supporting Memo
- f) Appendix F – Compliance Status
- g) Executive Summaries (English and Inuktitut);
- h) Executive Summaries Rescan (English and Inuktitut)
- i) Executive Summaries SRK (English and Inuktitut)
- j) Project Description – Proposed Amendment Expansion of Fuel Storage and Containment Facility; Airstrip/bypass Road Expansion; and Revised location of cyanide/reagent storage facility
- k) SRK Memo dated September 24, 2010
- l) SRK Memo dated September 22, 2010
- m) SRK Memo dated September 21, 2010

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,

Confirmation from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”) is necessary to ensure the proposed amendment does not change the NIRB Project Certificate.

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***. Comment deadline is December 5, 2010. 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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