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File: 2AM-DOH0713/ Amendment No. 3

October 26, 2011

Chris Hanks
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Email: chris.hanks@newmont.com

Subject: Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713 – Hope Bay Mining Ltd’s request for amendment no. 3 to permit implementation of the *Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan*

Dear Mr. Hanks,

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt on October 17, 2011 of the above request for amendment to Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713, from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) Documents received in support of the request include:

- Cover letter dated October 13, 2011;
- Application for Water Licence Amendment, submission date October 13, 2011;
- Certificate of Incorporation;
- Appendix A – Summary of Amendment Application in English, Inuktitut, and Innuinaqtun;
- Appendix B – Hope Bay Project Doris North Waste Rock and Ore Management Plan, December 2010;
- Appendix C1 – Nunavut Water Board Hope Bay Project Doris North Waste Rock and Ore Management Plan, December 2010, and Request Pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17 of Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713, July 21, 2011;
- Appendix C2 – Environment Canada Comments Re: 110210 2AM-DOH0713 Request Pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17, March 10, 2011;
- Appendix C3 – INAC Comments, Re: Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713 – Doris North Project – Hope Bay Mining Ltd. – Kitikmeot Region – December 2010 Waste Rock and Ore Management Plan March 10, 2011;



- Appendix C4 - KIA Comments Re: 110210 2AM-DOH0713 Request Pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17 March 10, 2011;
- Appendix C5 - Hope Bay Mining Ltd. Response to KIA Comments Memo Re: Formal SRK Responses to KIA Requests May 11, 2011;
- Appendix C6 - Hope Bay Mining Ltd. Response to EC and INAC Comments Responses to Comments on Waste Rock Management Plan and HBML Request Pursuant to Part G, Items 16 and 17, June 1, 2011;
- Appendix D – 2AM-DOH0713 Compliance Status; and
- Water Licence Application Fee.

All documents are available for download from the NWB's ftp site at the following link using the username "public" and password "registry" without the quotes:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-DOH0713/1%20APPLICATION/2011%20Amendment%203/>

Based on the information provided to date and on section 174(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* ("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,

A preliminary review of your application concluded that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the Act. However, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or to issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act. A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

By copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB"), the NWB requests written confirmation that HBML's amendment request does not affect NIRB's Project Certificate No. 3 for Mine Development of the Doris North Gold Mine Project Proposal.

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***. Please submit comments to the NWB's Manager of Licensing, Phyllis Beaulieu at licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org by **November 26, 2011**. The NWB may



provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing
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Cc. Lea-Marie Bowes-Lyon, HBML
Nunavut Impact Review Board
Kitikmeot Distribution List

