

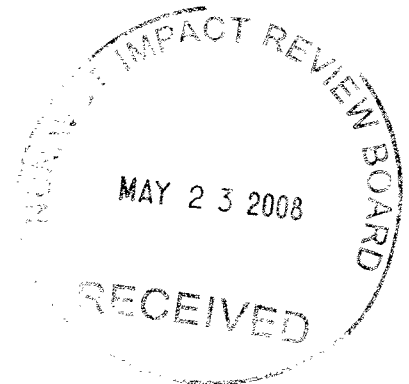
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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Attention: Stephanie Autut, Executive Director

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:



### **Regulatory Requirements for the proposed Windy Camp Road**

As discussed during our meeting in April 2008, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. ("HBML") is proposing the construction and operation of the Windy Camp Road. To that end, we are pleased to provide the enclosed Technical Report respecting the proposed Windy Camp Road prepared by SRK Consulting Engineers and Scientists and dated April, 2008. (Note that this revised version of the technical summary replaces an earlier draft circulated to NIRB by the KIA dated March 2008).

By way of summary, the proposed Windy Camp Road is an all-weather access road between Doris Camp and Windy Camp in the Hope Bay Belt. The proposed road is in two sections: Route 1 between Doris Camp and Windy Camp, approximately ten kilometres long; and Route 2 between the Drill Shop and Route 1, approximately one kilometre long. The proposed road is needed to improve efficiency of operations, make year-round exploration possible, reduce the use of helicopters, which would reduce environmental noise effects and fuel usage, and improve site-wide medical evacuation ability. HBML believes that the proposed road will improve operational, safety and environmental performance for the activities at Hope Bay.

As discussed, it is our preliminary assessment that the proposal would be exempt from NIRB screening under Schedule 12-1 of Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement ("NLCA"), on the basis that:

- The proposed routing is located entirely on Inuit Owned Lands administered by the KIA;
- No required permits or authorizations from the Government of Canada or Territorial Government have been identified;
- No permits under the *Territorial Land Use Regulations* are required in respect of the proposed land use activities;

- No water uses are proposed that would require a public hearing under NLCA Section 13.7.3.

However, we do understand that the KIA would seek the advice and assistance of NIRB in considering the proposed road, and to that end are prepared to co-operate and participate in any way required.

We would be pleased if you would confirm our understanding that the proposed road will be exempt from screening under Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA. We wish to obtain confirmation from the various regulatory agencies as quickly as possible, as the project is currently scheduled to commence in June 2008. To that end, please let me know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a follow up meeting to discuss technical matters relating to the proposed Windy Camp Road.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Meyer', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Meyer  
Interim Director,  
Environment and Social Responsibility

cc: KIA