



**NIRB No.: 05MN047**

April 22, 2008

The Honorable Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
c/o Jeff Holwell, Land Specialist  
Iqaluit, Nunavut

Via email: [holwellj@inac-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:holwellj@inac-ainc.gc.ca)

**Re: Amendment Request from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. for Road Widening in Doris North Gold Mine Project**

Dear Jeff Holwell:

On May 22, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an amendment application from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) for its Doris North Gold Mine project.

In the amendment application, it is proposed that the road connecting Robert Bay and Doris mine site would be widened from originally designed 6 m to 8 m. The amendment was required by the Nunavut Inspector of Mine (Prevention Services, the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission) in order to comply with the safety requirement under section 1.143 of *the Mine Health and Safety Regulations*. In addition, HBML proposes to revise the alignment of the road slightly for this amendment accordingly.

The original NIRB Review for file 05MN047 is available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/REVIEWS/PREVIOUS\\_REVIEWS/05MN045-DORIS%20NORTH%202006/2-REVIEW/17-AMENDMENTS/ROAD%20MODIFICATION/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/REVIEWS/PREVIOUS_REVIEWS/05MN045-DORIS%20NORTH%202006/2-REVIEW/17-AMENDMENTS/ROAD%20MODIFICATION/)

12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement states:

*Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with see provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

- (a) Such component or activity was not part of the original proposal; or*
- (b) Its inclusion would significantly modify the project.*

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed amendment does not change the scope of the original project activities, and therefore determined to exempt this amendment from Screening.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor Li Wan at [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca) or by phone 867-983-4606, toll-free 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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