

NIRB File No.: 05MN047

November 13, 2008

Chris Hanks Hope Bay Mining Limited 300-889 Harbourside Drive North Vancouver, BC Doris North Project Distribution List

Via email: Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com

Re: Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s WWMP 2007 Annual Report

and

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) would like to acknowledge the receipt of Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s *Doris North Project Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Program -2007 Final Report* (November 6, 2008) via submission by Golder Associates Ltd.

By way of that original correspondence, this report was also distributed to other federal and territorial Authorizing Agencies and parties related to the project. For those parties did not receive the document from Golder Associates Ltd, it can be accessed at NIRB's ftp site from the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH/02-MONITORING%20AND%20MANAGEMENT%20PLANS/WILDLIFE%20MITIGATION%20MONITORING%20PLAN/02-REPORTS/2007/

The NIRB is requesting that interested parties review this document and provide comments with respect to their jurisdictions and areas of expertise by Friday, December 12, 2007.

Please be advised that the *Wildlife Mitigation and Monitoring Plan* for Doris North Project associated with this 2007 final report and developed by Miramar Hope Bay Mining (the predecessor company of HBML), has not yet been finalized and approved by NIRB to date due to outstanding concerns raised by the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (GN-DOE). In light of HBML intending to resolve outstanding issues with GN-DOE and other parties, NIRB expects the parties, in particular GN-DOE, work with HBML to resolve any outstanding issues and to finalize the plan.

All comments should be sent to NIRB's Manager of Administration Leslie Payette at lpayete@nirb.ca, Should you require additional time for review, please contact me immediately at (867) 983-4606 or lwan@nirb.ca

Sincerely,

Cuell

Li Wan

Technical Advisor
Monitoring Officer for the Doris North Gold Mine Project
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Cc: Helen Yeh, GN-DOE (<u>HYeh@GOV.NU.CA</u>)
Geoff Clark, KIA (<u>geoff@qiniq.com</u>)
Joe Justus, NWMB (<u>jjustus@nwmb.com</u>)