



NIRB File No.: 05MN047

August 24, 2009

To: Doris North Project Distribution List

Via email

Re: HBML's 2008 Annual Report for the Doris North Project

Dear Parties,

On July 7, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) *2008 Annual Report for the Doris North Project*, as required by Appendix D of NIRB Project Certificate # 003.

Please be advised that HBML has notified the NIRB of its decision to defer the Doris North Project as a stand-alone project in order to pursue a broader Hope Bay belt-wide strategy. Please note that more detailed information was provided in earlier correspondence also sent to Parties today.

The 2008 Annual Report is available for review on the NIRB's ftp site at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2008/01-REPORT/>

As per Section 12.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), and provisions prescribed in the Project Certificate, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. Therefore the NIRB is requesting that interested parties review the 2008 Annual Report and provide comments and concerns based on their respective mandates and/or areas of expertise by **September 14, 2009**. The Board is requesting that comments focus on the following topics:

1) Compliance Monitoring

- How each authorizing agency has incorporated the terms and conditions from the project certificate into their respective licenses, authorizations or permits;
- Whether any inspections have been conducted, and the results of those inspections;
- Whether HBML is in compliance with any licenses, permits and authorizations that have been issued; and
- Any concerns relating to the compliance monitoring taking account the current deferral decision of Doris North Project by the HBML.

2) Effects Monitoring

- Whether the conclusions reached by HBML in the 2008 Annual Report are valid;
- Any areas of significance requiring further studies; and
- Changes required to the monitoring program based on current project implementation (the Project deferral).

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager, Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan, at (867) 983-4606 or liwan@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Li Wan
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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