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Chris Hanks Hope Bay Mining Limited 300-889 Harbourside Drive North Vancouver, BC

Via email: <a href="mailto:Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com">Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com</a>

Re: The NIRB's 2009 Site Visit Report for the Doris North Gold Mine Project

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) thanks Hope Bay Mining Limited for the opportunity to visit and discuss the Doris North Gold Mine Project on August 18, 2009. Following the visit, I have prepared a Site Visit Report outlining observations resulting from the visit.

Please find enclosed the NIRB 2009 Site Visit Report for the Doris North Gold Mine Project.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-983-4606 or <a href="mailto:lwan@nirb.ca">lwan@nirb.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Li Wan

Monitoring Officer, Doris North Gold Mine Project

Nunavut Impact Review Board

Cc: Doris North Distribution list