

NIRB File No.: 05MN047

November 20, 2009

Christopher Hanks
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Via E-mail: Chris.Hanks@newmont.com

Re: Change of Proponent name on the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 003)

Dear Mr. Hanks:

On April 20, 2009, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from Hope Bay Mining Ltd., requesting that the Board change the Proponent name on the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 003) from "Miramar Hope Bay Limited" to "Hope Bay Mining Limited" (HBML) to reflect the transfer of ownership of the Project.

On May 27, 2009 the Board wrote to the Doris North distribution list and requested that interested parties provide the NIRB with their comments or concerns regarding the proposed name change for the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate, on or before June 5, 2009. By June 5, 2009 comment submissions received by the Board raised no concerns with respect to the proposed name change requested by HBML.

In correspondence dated September 22, 2009 the NIRB indicated that it would hold its final decision for a period of thirty (30) days to allow the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to provide any additional comments or direction to the Board regarding the proposed name change, if deemed necessary. Following the end of this thirty (30) day period, the NIRB is now granting HBML's request to change the name of the holder of the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate (No. 003) to "Hope Bay Mining Limited" (see attached Project Certificate cover page). Where it has not already done so, the NIRB respectfully advises HBML to have all other regulatory authorizations changed to reflect the current ownership of the project.

Should you have any questions or require further information regarding the Project Certificate for the Doris North Gold Mine Project, please contact the NIRB's Monitoring Officer, Li Wan, at <a href="https://www.lwan@nirb.ca">lwan@nirb.ca</a> or by telephone at (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Autut Executive Director

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (<u>Strahl.C@parl.gc.ca</u>)

Doris North Project distribution list

Attachment: Amended cover page, Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate (No.003)



In the Matter of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, Nunavut Land Claims Agreement Act, S.C., 1993, c. 29 Article 12, Part 5

## And

In the matter of an
Application by
Hope Bay Mining Limited
for
Mine Development
of the
Doris North Gold Mine Project Proposal
in the
Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut

PROJECT CERTIFICATE NIRB [NO.: 003]

**September 15, 2006** 

Amended

November 20, 2009