



**NIRB File No.: 05MN047**  
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Via E-mail: [Chris.Hanks@newmont.com](mailto:Chris.Hanks@newmont.com)

**Re: Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s 2010/2011 Fuel Delivery Planning for Hope Bay Belt**

Dear Christopher Hanks:

In a correspondence to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) dated May 28, 2010, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) provided details regarding planned fuel storage and delivery for 2010/2011 to support construction of the Doris North Gold Mine Project (the Project) and ongoing exploration activities in the Hope Bay belt. As per the plan, HBML is proposing to over-winter fuel barges at Roberts Bay to facilitate staged fuel delivery to various fuel storage locations in the Hope Bay belt.

The Project (NIRB File No.: 05MN047) was initially proposed by Miramar Hope Bay Ltd, and reviewed extensively by the NIRB pursuant to Part 5, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On September 15, 2006 the NIRB issued Project Certificate (No. 003) to the proponent allowing the Doris North project to proceed subject to the contained Terms and Conditions.

The original project proposal included activities such as fuel supply, fuel storage and fuel delivery to various project locations. However, it does not appear that the over-wintering of fuel barges was included in either the original project proposal submitted to the NIRB in 2005, or in the project modifications applications as submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the Type A Water Licence in June 2007.

All materials pertaining to the Board's review of the Project, including the Project Certificate (No. 003) and other information relating to the Project can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at the following address:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/>.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

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

*(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*

*(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

Upon completion of reviewing the information provided (enclosed), related information contained both in the original project proposal and in the Type A water licence application to the NWB, the NIRB is of the opinion that the proposed fuel over-wintering in Roberts Bay does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) may not apply. The NIRB is therefore proposing that Section 12.4.3 (NLCA) applies to exempt further screening, and that the original terms and conditions as found in the Project Certificate (No. 003) would continue to apply to the proposed activities, provided that HBML's Oil Pollution Prevention/ Oil Pollution Emergency Plan which are associated with this operation and currently under review by Transportation Canada (TC), are deemed sufficient and approved by TC prior to the commencement of this operation.

Prior to making a final decision on this matter however, the NIRB requests that Parties review the HBML's plan for 2010 and 2011. The NIRB requests that Parties with jurisdictional authority and/or with technical expertise over any aspect the proposed plan by HBML, forward comment submissions to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to 867-983-2594, by **June 18, 2010**.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact me directly at (867) 983-4606 or [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (2): 100528-05MN047-HBML Ltr to NIRB Re 2010-2011 Hope Bay Fuel Planning-IT1E  
100528-05MN047-TC Draft Arctic Waters Guidelines for Lay-Up of Petroleum Barges Vessels in Land-Fast Ice-IT1E