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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 the correspondence to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) dated May 28, 2010, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) provided with the NIRB a detailed Fuel Plan (the plan) regarding planned fuel storage and delivery for 2010/2011. 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).

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 License in June 2007.

The NIRB understood this activity (over-wintering of fuel barges), is a common practice in arctic region, and is necessary to support staged fuel delivery to various sites in Hope Bay belt including Doris North project site. In addition, the inclusion of the proposed fuel barge over-wintering to original reviewed project activities does not change the general scope of the original Project, therefore, the Board indicated that Section 12.4.3 (NLCA) might apply to the circumstance, and accordingly the proposed activities would be exempted from further screening. Prior to making a final decision, however, the NIRB distributed the HBML's Fuel Delivery Plan for 2010 and 2011, and requested parties to review and comment.

On and before June 18, 2010, the comments were received by the NIRB regarding the plan from the following parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)
- Environment Canada (EC)
- Transport Canada (TC)
- Government of Nunavut, Department of Economic Development and Transportation (GN-ED&T)
- Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (GN-DoE)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB can be accessed on the NIRB's ftp site by using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH/02-MONITORING%20AND%20MANAGEMENT%20PLANS/MISCELLANEOUS/Fuel%20Mining%20and%20Delivery%20Plan/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>

As a number of issues have been identified and raised by parties, the NIRB would like HBML to address the comments and concerns prior to the Board's final decision. The Board requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) on or before **July 5, 2010**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at (867) 983-4606 or at [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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