



**NIRB File No.: 05MN047**  
**NWB File No.: 2AM-DOH0713**

November 3, 2011

Thomas Kabloona, Chairperson  
Nunavut Water Board  
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Via E-mail: [licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org)

**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: HBML Amendment No. 3 to its Type A Water Licence – Implementation of the “Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan” for the Doris North Gold Mine Project**

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On October 26, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) request for Amendment No. 3 to its Type A Water Licence for planned implementation of its *Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan*. The application pertains to HBML's Type A Water Licence (2AM-DOH0713) associated with the Doris North Gold Mine Project (the Doris North Project).

Please be advised that the Doris North Project was previously been reviewed by the NIRB pursuant to Part 5 of Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and is currently being monitored by the Board through the provisions of NLCA Article 12, Part 7 and the Doris North Project Certificate No. 003 (issued September 15, 2006).

Following a complete review of HBML's amendment request, the NIRB understands that HBML is requesting an amendment to certain Terms and Conditions in its Type A Water Licence (2AM-DOH0713) which would permit HBML to implement the *Waste Rock and Ore Storage Management Plan*, as submitted to the NWB in December 2010. The NIRB also notes that this amendment application was required by the NWB in order for the NWB give its approval of the plan.

All information pertaining to the current NWB amendment application, including additional information provided by HBML is available on NIRB's ftp site at:

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/06-AUTHORIZATIONS/NWB-TYPE%20A%20WATER%20LICENSE/06-AMENDMENT/2AM-DOH0713%20Amend%20No%203/>

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.”*

After completing a review of the information pertaining to HBML's amendment application for the modifications to its Type A Water Licence (2AM-DOH0713), the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed amendments does not constitute a significant change to the scope of the Doris North project as originally reviewed by the NIRB, and therefore, that the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply in this case. This application is therefore exempt from the requirement for screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions included in the NIRB's Project Certificate [No. 003] for the Doris North Project<sup>1</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor and NIRB Monitoring Officer for the Doris North Project, at (867) 983-4606 or [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development  
Chris Hanks, Hope Bay Mining Ltd.  
Stanley Anablak, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

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<sup>1</sup> NIRB Doris North Project Certificate No. 003 available from the NIRB's FTP site at the following link:  
[ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/060915-NIRB-DORIS-FINAL-Project\\_Certificate-OTAE.pdf](ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/01-PROJECT%20CERTIFICATE/060915-NIRB-DORIS-FINAL-Project_Certificate-OTAE.pdf)