



**NIRB File No. 12MN001**

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Sent via email: [Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com](mailto:Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com)

**Re: NIRB's Scoping Tour for the Review of Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt" project proposal**

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Dear Chris Hanks:

On June 8, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) sent notice of the commencement of the Review for Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML or the Proponent) "Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt" project proposal (NIRB File No. 12MN001) which included details on the forthcoming public scoping sessions. The NIRB has commenced its public notice of these scoping sessions by informing communities of the following schedule:

<b>October 9, 2012</b>	Kugaaruk	Community Hall	7-9 p.m.
<b>October 10, 2012</b>	Gjoa Haven	Gideon Qitsualik Memorial Center	7-9 p.m.
<b>October 11, 2012</b>	Taloyoak	E.W. Lyall Recreation Complex	7-9 p.m.

Please be aware that we are in the process of finalizing plans for scoping sessions to be held in Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk and will advise you of these additional meetings within the coming week.

As outlined in the June 8, 2012 correspondence, the NIRB's public scoping sessions are intended to engage the public during the early stages of the Review process in order to facilitate meaningful consultation with communities identified as potentially affected by the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project. The NIRB's goal from this consultation is to identify Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) and Valued Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) that should be addressed in the Proponent's *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The public scoping meetings will include the following discussions:

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- Explain the NIRB's Review process, including how members of the public may participate;
- Inform the public of the proposed Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project under Review; and,
- Work with members of the public to identify Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) and Valued Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) that should be considered in the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca) or by phone at (867) 983-4611.

Sincerely,



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