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Via email: mmifflin@gov.nu.ca

Re: Recommendations Based on the NIRB's 2011-2012 Monitoring Report for the Doris North Gold Mine Project

Dear Mike Mifflin:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) met on November 27, 2012 and reviewed the *NIRB's 2011-2012 Annual Monitoring Report for the Doris North Gold Mine Project* (Monitoring Report). The Monitoring Report which is based upon project activities pertaining to Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML) Doris North Project from November 2011 – October 2012 was released under separate cover earlier today.

The Board's Monitoring Report can be viewed from the NIRB's online public registry at:

Following a review of the Monitoring Report and other materials related to the Doris North Project, the NIRB has noted that an agreement regarding caribou management between HBML and the Government of Nunavut (GN) has not yet been finalized. The Board requests that the GN provide it with an update as to the status regarding the management of caribou and specifically, with regard to a potential caribou collaring program or memorandum of understanding which may be established as such pertains to the Doris North Project.

The Board respectfully requests that the GN provide an update as to the status of either a caribou collaring program or a memorandum of understanding regarding the management of caribou as pertaining to the Doris North Project. The update is requested within 60 days' receipt of this correspondence, and should be provided to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at gsorensen@nirb.ca or via telephone at 867-983-4606.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

| cc: Chris Hanks, HBML
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