



NIRB File No. 05MN047

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To: Doris North Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Comment Request for HBML's 2012 Annual Report for Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate NIRB No. 003

Dear Parties:

On June 20, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received Hope Bay Mining Ltd.'s (HBML)¹ *2012 Annual Report for Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate NIRB No. 003*. In accordance with Appendix D annexed to the Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate [No. 003] issued by the NIRB in November 26, 2007, HBML was required to report annually to the NIRB on activities undertaken with respect to the Doris North Project.

The *2012 Annual Report for Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate NIRB No. 003* is available for review from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/03-MONITORING/05MN047-DORIS%20NORTH%20GOLD%20MINE/03-ANNUAL%20REPORTS/02-PROPONENT/2012/>

As per Section 12.7 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), and provisions prescribed in the Project Certificate No. 003, the NIRB's monitoring program focuses on compliance and effects monitoring. Therefore, the NIRB requests that Parties with jurisdictional authority and/or expertise relating to specific aspects of the Doris North Project provide comments on the following:

1) Compliance Monitoring

- Confirm compliance with, and provide information on any instances of non-compliance, to all licences, permits, or authorizations that have been issued; and
- Confirmation as to whether any inspections were completed during the 2012 reporting period, and if so, provide a summary of the results of those inspections.

¹ Note that the NIRB received confirmation on April 11, 2013 that TMAC Resources Inc. had acquired the Doris North Project from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. and on April 11, 2013 re-issued the NIRB Project Certificate No. 003 to TMAC Resources Ltd.

2) Effects Monitoring

- Comment on whether the conclusions reached by HBML in its *2012 Annual Report* are valid;
- Discuss any areas of significance requiring further studies, outlining what may be required; and
- Suggest changes to the monitoring program which may be warranted.

The NIRB requests that parties forward all submissions to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to 867-983-2594 by **August 1, 2013**.

If you have any questions or require additional information on the NIRB's monitoring program for the Doris North Project, please contact myself at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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