



NIRB File No. 12MN001

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Sent via email: [catharine.farrow@tmacresources.com](mailto:catharine.farrow@tmacresources.com)

**Re: Update Requested on Anticipated Date of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project**

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Dear Catharine Farrow,

On December 14, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued Guidelines to the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) for the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project (NIRB File No. 12MN001). In response, HBML provided an update in February 2013 that the company did not plan to submit a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and that TMAC was participating in negotiations to purchase the project. On May 31, 2013 the NIRB received notification that TMAC had assumed ownership of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project.

At this time the NIRB requests an update regarding TMAC's intention to continue with the next steps in the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project, an indication of TMAC's interest in continuing with a Nunavut Water Board and NIRB coordinated process, and TMAC's anticipated submission date for a DEIS.

The NIRB respectfully requests that an update be provided to the Board via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or fax (867) 983-2594 within thirty days' of receiving this correspondence.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Project, please contact me directly at (867) 983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

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