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**RE: 2AM-DOH0713 Amendment Application Type "A" – Hope Bay Mining Ltd. –
Relocation of Proposed Explosives Mixing and Storage Facility – Kitikmeot Region**

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is applying for an amendment of their water license 2AM-DOH0713 to permit HBML to change the original, proposed location of its Explosives and Mixing and Storage Facility (Explosives Facility). The Explosives Facility was originally intended to be located northwest of the Doris camp site but will instead be installed at the Secondary access road close to the proposed South Dam at Tail Lake. This change will not expand or alter the purposes or the function of the Explosives Facility. HBML also requests that a revision to the definition of Explosives Mixing and Storage Facility under this water license.

EC has no issues with the amendment provided that the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the application and that they are in compliance with their existing water license. Terms and conditions applied to the existing water license should be carried forward to the amendment of the license. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2AM-DOH0713 would still apply to this project. If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca

Yours truly,



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