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Chris Hanks
Newmont Mining Corporation
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Dear Mr. Hanks:

SUBJECT: *Fisheries Act Authorization*

Pursuant to 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act*, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is providing the attached *Fisheries Act* Authorization for impacts to fish habitat arising from the infilling and dewatering of fish habitat as a result of the construction of a dam at the outflow of Tail Lake in the West Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut for the Doris North Gold mine. This Authorization shall be conditional upon implementation of measures specified in the attached document.

The environmental impacts of this undertaking were reviewed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada in accordance with the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* as well as the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. This review concluded that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects if the mitigation and compensation measures specified are implemented.

Failure to comply with all the conditions of the attached Authorization may lead to prosecution under the *Fisheries Act*.

NOTE: None of the foregoing should be taken to imply Authorization of this undertaking in accordance with any section of the *Fisheries Act* **other** than section 35. Also note that Authorization under the *Fisheries Act* does not release the proponent from the requirements of any other federal, provincial or municipal legislation.

Please contact Lyndon Kivi at (807) 468-6441 ext. 29, fax at (807) 468-6973 or email at lyndon.kivi@dfo-mpo.gc.ca should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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