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Re: Submission of Annual Reports for 2BB-BOS0712, 2BE-HOP0712, and 2AM-DOH0713

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is currently in the process of finalizing the annual reports for 2BB-BOS0712, 2BE-HOP0712, and 2AM-DOH0713. These reports are normally due by March 31 of the year following the year being reported.

With the significant changes that have occurred in the management of the Hope Bay Project in 2008, it has been more difficult to compile some information than in previous years. In order to submit a better product for your review, HBML is requesting an extension until April 30, 2009. With this extension HBML will be able to ensure that the annual reports contain more complete and accurate information than would be possible if reports were submitted by March 31, 2009.

Please contact me at the following e-mail address Chris.Hanks@Newmont.com to confirm whether or not the extension is granted.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks
Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility
Hope Bay Mining Ltd. an affiliate of
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