

May 28, 2010

Phyllis Beaulieu
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Nunavut Water Board
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Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Overburden Storage Area Construction Notification

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) would like to notify the NWB of the construction of an overburden storage area related to the construction of the Doris North Mine and Mill site. This storage area will be used to store the overburden removed in advance of the construction of Doris North facilities, such as the mill pads. Attached to this notification is a drawing showing the overburden storage which includes construction details. The overburden storage area will be located along the eastern boundary of the Quarry 2 permit area. Notification of NWB of the location of the overburden pile was not specified in the water licence but HBML is of the opinion that such notification is appropriate to assist the NWB to understand how HBML will comply with requirement in the licence related to overburden.

The overburden storage area is being constructed in a manner that complies with the definition of seepage in licence 2AM-DOH0713 where seepage “means any water that drains through or escapes from any structure designed to contain, withhold, divert or retain water or waste. Seepage also includes any flows that have emerged from the toe, or as a result of runoff from overburden storage areas, waste rock storage facilities, and ore stockpile areas; (note roads, dams, pads, quarries).” A sediment control berm will be constructed on the south end of the storage area, which will contain the overburden storage area from the environment. Seepage will be monitored as part of the quarry monitoring program outlined in the Quarry Management Plan previously submitted to the NWB.

The overburden storage area will also be managed in compliance with Section D – Condition Applying to Construction Items 4 – Implementation of sediment control prior to construction where necessary to prevent sediment from entering water, 16 - Construction of pads and earthworks at least 30m from water, 17 - Monitoring for erosion and implementation of sediment control prior to undertakings, and 18 – Inspection of construction activities during freshet and remarkable rain events and sampling of runoff where turbidity is evident. These elements are addressed by construction and site standard operation procedures. Samples taken under D – 17 will be reported in the next monthly SNP report following the event.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanks
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Hope Bay Mining Ltd.