

APPENDIX G
Request for Information Response

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

RFI NUMBER	JDS-RFI-001			
ISSUE DATE (YY/MM/DD)	February 18, 2011			
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REQ'D RESPONSE DATE	March 4, 2011			

Hope Bay Mining Project

Subject:	GCL – Powdered Bentonite	Project Zone/Area:	Doris North
Company:	SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.	Station/Location:	North Dam
Attention:	Lowell Wade	Discipline:	Civil

AFE:		Specification Number:	Rev. "E" Section 6.4.2
Related Drawings:	SRK North Dam IFC Drawing Package	Related Documents:	GCL Lapping and Joining
			Clause 6.4.2_(2.)

Related WBS Code		WBS Code Description:	

Information Request/Description of Issue/Approval Required:

Technical Specifications Revision "E" Section 6.4.2 GCL Lapping and Joining Clause 2. Each overlap should be treated with powdered bentonite comprised of the same bentonite as used in the manufacture of the GCL. **The bentonite shall be applied at the minimum rate of 0.4 kg/m of seam.**

Please confirm that the application rate required when placing powdered bentonite comprised of the same bentonite used in the manufacture of the GCL shall be at the minimum rate of 0.4 kg/m of seam. This is consistent with the manufacturer's installation guidelines.

Proposed Corrective Action:

Originator: Mark Valeriote (JDS Energy & Mining Inc.)

February 18, 2011

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Cost Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Scope definition will impact the 2011 Nuna Construction Budget
Detailed Estimate attached	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Detailed estimate will be prepared following IFC revision
Schedule Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Source for Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clarification/Info	<input type="checkbox"/> Constructor Change
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Designer Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Note: RFI's are not authorized change documents and cannot be used to direct a change in contract requirements. If Newmont's response on the RFI has cost and/or schedule effect, it is the contractor's responsibility to immediately advise Newmont. Work undertaken without Newmont written authorization is at the contractor's risk and expense

☐ Corrective Action Approved

☐ Correct as Follows:

Response:

Technical Specification, Revision E, Section 6.4.2 states the application rate of powdered bentonite for overlapping GCL panels should be 0.4 kg/m of seam. To ensure this application rate is achieved and or exceeded the powdered bentonite is applied over a measured length. It is then swept up and weighed. Likewise, a mark can be placed on the GCL liner where a new bag was opened and measure the length that bag covers to determine the application rate. Past experience has indicated 1 to 2 bags of powdered bentonite are required per roll of GCL. It should be noted the powdered bentonite quantity listed on drawing DN-ND-05 is a volume [163m x 0.5m x 0.1m = 8.15m³] which would greatly exceed the 0.4 kg/m. Based on the volume listed on the drawing 14 bags of bentonite would be required per roll of GCL.

Responsible Newmont Representative:

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