

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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| RFI NUMBER | NL-RFI-077 R1 | | | |
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Hope Bay Mining Project

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| Subject: | Doris North Pollution Pond Upgrade | Project Zone/Area: | Doris North |
| Company: | Nuna Logistics Ltd. (Nuna) | Station/Location: | Pollution Pond Upgrade |
| Attention: | Ishan Fechter, Kevin Whieldon, Doug Fielding, Jerry Graham | Discipline: | Civil |

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| AFE: | | Specification Number: | |
| Related Drawings: | HB+D-CIV-CIV-OND-0147 | Related Documents: | |
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| Related WBS Code | | WBS Code Description: | |
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Information Request/Description of Issue/Approval Required:

1. Pollution Pond (West Slope): The west expansion wing does not contain the required geotextile liner between the ROQ and the crush surface. See image 1.
2. Pollution Pond (South Slope): Currently, there is 1 to 3 inches of crush present on the liner surface. The SRK design states that the new liner system shall be installed directly on top of the old liner system. See image 2.

Proposed Corrective Action:

1. Nuna is proposing to leave the crush in place and install the geotextile directly on top and cover with the required 30 cm of crush. This will result in a containment loss of 8 cu.m (Nuna Survey) but will be the most efficient and cost effective option.
2. Nuna is proposing to leave the crush in place and install the new liner system directly on top. This option will result in a containment loss of 11 cu.m (SRK). SRK has approved this option.

Originator: Gary Sodhi October 17th, 2011

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| Cost Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Per description above. | |
| Detailed Estimate attached | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | |
| Schedule Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | |
| Source for Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarification/Info | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constructor Change | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Vendor Change | <input checked="" 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:

1) On the attached marked up drawing the Full Supply Level of the Pollution Control Pond [Elevation 35.5 m] is shown to pass through the area where no lower geotextile has been placed between the ROQ and the 3/4" material. The lower geotextile acts as a filter media preventing potential settlement as a result of the crush material in filling the void spaces in the ROQ. Any settlement would lead to an unsupported liner which could cause the liner to rupture and the pond not functioning to its intended design. SRK cannot quantify the risk of liner rupture, but it is real and therefore SRK recommends this area to be fixed and constructed in accordance with the design provided on the IFC's. SRK acknowledges the significant constructability challenges with respect to implementing this. The implications of having a ruptured liner would result in a breach of Water License conditions, for this site, which warrant these measures.

2) SRK did not approve the reduction in the capacity of the Pollution Control Pond. The Pollution Control Pond has been designed with a specific capacity taking into consideration Water Management measures which is regulated by the site Water License. Any construction modifications that would result in an overall reduction of the pond's capacity in any way is not acceptable. SRK recommends the crush material over the existing liner system be removed the new liner system be installed directly over the existing liner system. Again, SRK acknowledges the significant constructability challenges with respect to implementing this however the reduction in Pollution Pond containment capacity would result in a breach of Water License conditions, for this site, which warrant these measures.

Responsible Newmont Representative:

Lowell Wade

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October 18, 2011

Date:

West Slope

. This portion does not contain the geotextile liner between the ROQ and the crush surface.

. Nuna is proposing to leave the the crush in place and install the geotextile directly on top and cover with the required 30 cm of crush. This will result in a containment loss of 8 cu.m. (Nuna Survey) but will be efficient and cost effective.





South Slope

- There is currently 1 to 3 inches of crush on the liner surface.
- Nuna is proposing to leave the crush in place and install the new liner system directly on top.

