

Please see attached response to JDS's RFI regarding drilling and blasting to grade of the Roberts Bay Fuel Tank Farm

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Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Re: Rob Bay Tank Farm - Blasted Base Preparation

*The modified construction approach suggested in NEM-RFI-030 is not acceptable to SRK. Once blasting has been completed all blasted material must be excavated to allow the Engineer to inspect and approve the exposed bedrock surface and an as-built survey to be completed (note that dental cleaning is not required). Following that, approved engineered fill must be used to bring the area to design grade as per the current IFC drawings and specifications. The proposed modification of construction methodology mentioned in NEM-RFI-030 will put the integrity of the facility at a very high risk. The proposed mitigation measures suggested in the RFI will not adequately address the risk and are therefore not acceptable.*

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Rob Bay Tank Farm

Regarding SRK Drawing "RBTF-02" Rev "0"

The EPCM propose the following related to constructing of the base of the graded engineered fill pad for the Roberts Bay Tank Farm.

The bedrock surface shall be drill and blasted to the specified elevation. Blast material will be removed to a graded elevation where Dwg. No: RBTF-05 Detail 3 currently shows the surface of the 1 ¼ inch crushed material. The fine fraction of the blast material will remain in place to level all undulations. The excavation and grading method shall ensure that segregation and nesting of coarse particles is avoided. All large particles will be removed.

The graded surface will then be moisture conditioned and compacted using a 10 tonne smooth drum, vibratory compactor.

A loaded Cat 773 haul truck will be used to conduct a "proof roll" to assess the graded and compacted fill.

Should areas be identified that are not suitably compacted the area of concern will be further compacted by ensuring that a loaded Cat 773 haul truck is routed over the entire surface of identified area of concern.

In the event that a localized area is deemed unacceptable the material at that location will be removed and replaced with suitable material, moisture conditioned and compacted.

The ¾" crushed material will be placed on the approved surface of the material noted above.

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