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**Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Interim Water Management Plan**

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Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Please find enclosed with this letter the Doris North Project Interim Water Management Plan (December 2010) (the “Plan”). This Plan is submitted in order to meet the requirement of Part F, Item 1 of Water Licence No. 2AM-D0H0713 (the “Water Licence”) to submit to the Board for review a revised Water Management Plan. To assist Nunavut Water Board staff in its review, we have included a concordance table in chapter 6 of the Plan identifying where, in the Plan, the Water Licence requirements have been addressed.

This Plan has been written to address the current short term water management needs of the Doris North Project from January 1, 2011 until such time the Tail Lake tailings impoundment area has been constructed and integrated into the Project’s overall Water Management Plan. As such, HBML notes that the current draft of the Plan does not address some of the specific criteria listed in Part F, Item 1 of the Water Licence, specifically the “*requirement to continuously monitor Doris Lake levels and outflow during the two (2) years of mining and beyond to confirm water balance model predictions*”. As well, the relevant components of the overall water balance discussed in the Plan are comprised of seepage and runoff as well as storm water management and do not currently fully address the “*requirements for on-going monitoring and calibration of the water quality model*”.

HBML is planning to commence construction of the Tail Lake North Dam during January 2011 and to complete fish out during summer 2011. Accordingly, we currently anticipate that diversion of run-off to the tailings impoundment area would commence no earlier than September of 2011. Following construction of the North Dam at Tail Lake and in advance of commencing any diversion of run-off to the tailings impoundment area, HBML will submit an updated Water Management Plan to the Board for approval which will fully address all of the specific criteria listed in Part F, Item 1 of the Water Licence.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to me at [Chris.Hanks@newmont.com](mailto:Chris.Hanks@newmont.com).

Sincerely,

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