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Chris Hanks
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By email: chris.hanks@newmont.com

Re: Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713, Part F, Item 1; Review of Revised Interim Water Management Plan

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed the revised Doris North Interim Water Management Plan (Plan) to interested parties for review on February 22, 2011. The Plan was submitted by Hope Bay Mining Limited in accordance with Part F, Item 1 of the Type A Water Licence No. 2AM-DOH0713, which states:

The Licensee shall submit to the Board for review by May 1, 2008, a revised Water Management Plan. The revised Plan shall include the following:

- a. A requirement to continuously monitor Doris Lake levels and outflow during the two (2) years of mining and beyond to confirm water balance model predictions;
- b. Requirements for on-going monitoring and calibration of the water quality model;
- c. A strategy to monitor and remove where necessary snow accumulation in the Pollution Control Pond, roads, ditches, and drainage channels; and
- d. The Plan shall consider the monitoring requirements set out in Parts J and K.

The NWB notes that submission of the Plan was delayed due to the deferral of construction of Project infrastructure components. The NWB further understands that the Plan does not address Part F, Item 1(a) and (b) as the tailings impoundment area is not yet operational and that HBML has committed to submit an update to the Plan prior to diverting contact water to the facility.

Following the review period, the NWB received comments from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Environment Canada, and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association. Comments can be downloaded from the NWB's ftp site at the following link (username: public; password: registry):

In addition to the Plan update, the NWB requests that HBML also submit a table addressing each of the comments submitted by parties during this review. The NWB believes that comments submitted by parties are important considerations in ensuring that the site facilities are capable of managing water in accordance with the Licence. Any changes with respect to the water management strategy should be highlighted in the cover letter and document to facilitate the review.

Sincerely,

David Hohnstein, C.E.T.
Director Technical Services

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