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Dear Melissa and David,

Re: 2AM-DOH0713 Discharge from Bulk Fuel Storage Facility ST-6

Please be advised that HBML, under Part G: Item 22 (e) and (f) of the Doris North Mining and Milling Type "A" Water Licence, is providing notice to an Inspector prior to a planned discharge from the Bulk Fuel Facility ST-6 located at Robert's Bay. Discharge will begin on June 26, 2009.

Sampling undertaken at Monitoring Program Station ST-6 June 9 and 14/09 indicates that the water in the fuel storage containment area meets the effluent quality standards for discharge as specified in the licence, with the exception of TSS, which was at the effluent quality limit for an individual grab sample (pretreatment).

Samples were taken at ST-6 before and after the effluent was pumped through a "Flow and Plug" oil/water separating system using filtration, sorbent material and activated carbon. The "Plug and Flow" system effectively reduced the TSS to meet the discharge criteria of the licence. Results of the sampling before and after the oil/water separator process are provided in Table 1.

VIA EMAIL

Table 1. Results of Monitoring Program Station Sampling for ST-6, Robert's Bay Bulk Fuel Storage

Parameters	ST-6	ST-6	Hope Bay: 2AM-DOH0713
Water Source	Bulk Fuel Storage Rob	Bulk Fuel Storage Rob	Monitoring Program Station Description
	Bay (pre-treatment)*	Bay (post-treatment)*	(avg. conc or any grab)
ALS Lab Reference #	L775976-19/L778070-1	L775976-20	Compliance Values
Field Sample Details	ST-6	ST-6	Part G: Item 22(e)
Sample Date/Time	June 9/09 17:15 /	June 9/09 17:00	
	June 14 09 16:45		
pН	7.86	-	6.0-9.0
TSS	30	4.0	15 mg/L or 30 mg/L
Oil & Grease	< 1.0	< 1.0	5 mg/L
Benzene	< 0.00050	< 0.00050	0.37 mg/L
Toluene	0.00150	< 0.00050	0.002 mg/L
Ethylbenzene	0.00090	< 0.00050	0.090 mg/L
Lead	0.00093	< 0.00010	0.01 mg/L or 0.02 mg/L

^{*}pre-treatment before "Plug and Flow" oil/water separation, post treatment after "Plug and Flow" oil/water separation

The proposed volume for discharge is approximately 240m³. There are two proposed discharge locations. One is immediately to the east of the berm at the Roberts Bay Fuel Storage Facility to be dispersed over the rock before the effluent seeps to the tundra. This location is not within 30m of any water body and the effluent will be discharged in a manner that prevents erosion at the point of discharge and downstream. The preferred alternate disposal option is to utilize water that meets licence effluent discharge criteria for dust suppression on the site the road network and airstrip. HBML will use one or both alternatives.

The geographical co-ordinates of the exact location will be recorded when pumping commences and the daily quantities of effluent pumped from ST-6 recorded. The discharge will also be monitored daily during periods of discharge, and records will be maintained for inspection if required.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this notification and direct any questions to the undersigned. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com .

Sincerely yours,

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cc. Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board