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Re: 2AM-DOH0713 – Part G, Item 15 Revised Waste Rock Management Plan

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

As per my discussion with David Honhstein in September of 2009, this letter is to confirm the status of the Waste Rock Management Plan, which was deferred when the Doris North Project was deferred by Hope Bay Mining Ltd. in September of 2008. As of the October 29, 2009 announcement that HBML will now proceed with an underground bulk sample of the Doris deposit through the Doris North underground decline. HBML will produce a waste rock from underground at the earliest in the fourth quarter of 2010. A waste rock management plan will be submitted to the NWB by Aug. 15, 2010.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our response. If you should have any further questions please feel free to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Hanks
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cc: David Hohnstein, Acting Director of Technical Services