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Subject: Hope Bay Mining Ltd., Doris North Project, Licence No. 2AM-DOH0714 - Review of the Doris North Infrastructure Project Sewage Management Plan, July 2008, submitted under Part G, Item 4

Dear Mr. Hanks,

Hope Bay Mining Limited (HBML or Licensee) submitted a Sewage Management Plan entitled "*Doris North Infrastructure Project Sewage Management Plan*" (Plan) on August 7, 2008 in accordance with Part G, Item 4 of water licence 2AM-DOH0713 (Licence). The Plan was distributed to interested persons on August 12, 2008 for review and comments were received on before September 15, 2008. Comments were submitted by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Environment Canada (EC), and the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). Those comments have been placed on the Board's Public Registry and are available from the NWB ftp site using the access Username of "public" and the Password of "registry" (without the quotes) at the following link:

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The NWB has reviewed the Plan and the comments submitted by Parties and provided the following direction to HBML in its letter dated February 10, 2010 regarding the NWB's review of HBML's 2008 Annual Report:

Although EC was generally agreeable with the Plan, INAC offered valuable recommendations that should be incorporated into a revision of the Plan. In addition, the NWB reminds HBML that any proposed construction or modification to existing facilities must be submitted to the NWB for review and approval in accordance with Part H of the Licence. At this time, the NWB will wait for the submission of the design for the rock diffuser. However, once approved, the NWB will require a revision to the Sewage Management Plan to incorporate the proposed rock diffuser and comments provided during the review of the Plan.

Further to the above, the NWB was made aware, via HBML's correspondence dated November 9, 2009, of HBML's intention to file an amendment to the Licence for an increase in the capacity of the Doris Camp, doubling the current sewage treatment plant capacity and the intent to file an updated Plan for the expanded facility upon approval of the amendment.

Given the NWB's aforementioned direction as well as the time that has passed since receipt of HBML's November 9, 2009 update, the NWB is requesting that HBML continue to keep the NWB informed regarding its plans to apply for an amendment to the Licence, as well as any changes to its plan for submission of a revised Sewage Management Plan.

Further correspondence should be directed to the Manager of Licensing, Phyllis Beaulieu, at licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org, or if you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (780) 443-4406 or email at dts@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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