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2AM-DOH0713 – Revised Waste Rock Management Plan

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Please find enclosed with this letter the revised Waste Rock Management Plan (the Plan) as per Part G Item 15 of Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713 (the Water Licence). To assist Nunavut Water Board staff in its review, we have included a conformity table at the end of the Plan identifying where Water Licence requirements have been addressed.

Section 2.4 of the Plan notes that it is not possible for all waste rock to be returned underground as backfill and, for this reason, an alternative use for the excess waste rock must be found. Together with approval of the Plan, Hope Bay Mining Ltd. (HBML) is asking for the Board's approval pursuant to Part G Item 17 of the Water Licence to place waste rock in areas other than the Temporary Waste Rock Pad (Pad I) as follows:

- Board approval to temporarily place waste rock on adjacent Pads F and G. As noted in the Plan, HBML proposes to eventually consolidate the current Temporary Waste Rock Pad (Pad I) with immediately adjacent pads F and G. This minor site reorganization would not expand the footprint of the pads and is within existing pollution containment structures.
- Board approval to place non-acid generating waste rock for construction. HBML proposes that clean waste rock, mainly diabase, would be used as construction material. Any clean waste rock used for construction would be monitored as per Part D Item 21 and reported on as per Part D Item 22.

The Plan also describes how HBML would accommodate future changes to the management of waste rock at Doris North through the application of the Plan. If changes

to waste rock management at the Doris North Project are necessary in the future, HBML would issue revised Plans to the Board for review and approval. This approach provides for operational flexibility while still providing the Board with the opportunity to confirm that all terms of the licence are met.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to me at Chris.Hanks@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

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