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Re: Notification of Interim Use of an Alternate Newmont Incinerator located at Robert's Bay

Dear Ms. Joy, Mr. Hohnstein, and Mr. Anablak,

The Doris North incinerator has experienced a significant malfunction and consequently the unit has been shut down. Westland Incinerators has been contacted and parts, along with a service technician, are expected to arrive on site December 15. In order to continue operations at Doris camp, disposal of camp generated wastes will be required. A Westland incinerator, located on one of the accommodations barges in Robert's Bay, can be used as an interim facility pending repairs and servicing of the Doris North incinerator. This letter is to advise you that Newmont intends to utilize the accommodations barge incinerator until the Doris North one is functioning properly once again. We will notify you regarding the status of the Doris North incinerator once more information is available. During this interim period, garbage to be burned will be sorted and placed in a secure sea can in order to limit potential interaction with wildlife. The sea can will be positioned 30 m from the shore in close proximity to the accommodations barges.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at chris.hanks@newmont.com.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Hanks Director Environment and Social Responsibility Hope Bay Mining Ltd.